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## TO-DAY'S CABLES.

(Reuter's Service to the China-Mail.)  
**COMPULSORY MILITARY TRAINING.**  
OPPOSED BY DEMOCRATS.  
WASHINGTON, February 11.  
Despite President Wilson's warning that it would be inadvisable for  
the Democrats to oppose compulsory military training, at their party meet-  
ing a Democratic caucus proposed a resolution urging that no measure pro-  
viding for universal compulsory military service or training should be passed  
by this Congress.

**JAPANESE SHAVING BRUSHES.**  
IMPORT INTO BRITAIN PROHIBITED.  
LONDON, February 11.  
An Order in Council prohibits the importation to Britain of shaving  
brushes manufactured in or exported from Japan.

**HAVAS REVIEW.**  
PARIS, February 10.  
A Havas message states:—Yesterday was signed at the French Ministry  
of Foreign Affairs the treaty by which Spitzbergen passes under the  
sovereignty of Norway. Baron Matsui represented Japan.  
Mr. Millerand leaves Paris for London to-morrow accompanied by the  
Finance Minister, Marshal Foch, and Generals Franchet and Esperes. The  
journey assumes great importance and political circles generally hope that  
outstanding questions between France and Great Britain will be fully  
discussed and definite steps taken towards a close permanent Anglo-French  
agreement.  
This afternoon M. Deschanel resigned the presidency of the Chamber  
of Deputies and the Deputy Mandate.  
Hoardings in Paris during the last few days were gay with the first  
posters issued for the great national loan to commence in ten days. The  
loan is at 5 per cent, issued at 100 francs and redeemable at 150 in 60  
years.

**CHURCHILL ON LABOUR.**  
NOT FITTED TO GOVERN.  
LONDON, February 14.  
Mr. Churchill speaking at Dundee emphasised that we had been bound  
to help against the Bolsheviks. It was a question of honouring our  
promises. He was profoundly convinced that the Allies would ultimately rue  
the fact that they had not taken more decided action to crush the red  
peril. He advocated the making of an early peace with Turkey, being  
careful not to trample upon Mohammedan principles. He declared there  
were no differences between the Coalition and Independent Liberals  
justifying a division which might end in rule by the Socialists. He was  
surprised that the Labour Party was in love with Bolshevism. The pro-  
letariat in Russia was ruled by a gang of miscreants. The Government  
should not begin friendly relations with them. He was of opinion that  
Bolshevism, would bring much evil to Britain, France and the United  
States. Labour was not fitted to govern. It had become a class party,  
fighting for class interests and its doctrines would be disastrous to the  
prosperity and unity of the Empire.

**FIVE SUBMARINES MISSING.**  
WASHINGTON, Feb. 15.  
The Navy Department announces that five American submarines are  
missing between Bermuda and Hampton Roads, Virginia. Destroyers are  
searching for them.

**LITTLE WULFIE'S SELF VALUATION.**  
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AMSTERDAM, February 15.  
In connection with the report that the German ex-Crown-Prince  
telegraphed the Kings of England, Belgium, and Italy, the Presidents of  
France and the United States, and the Emperor of Japan, offering to take  
the place of the 900 Germans whose extradition was demanded by the Allies,  
it is reliably stated that the offer was made entirely without the knowledge  
of the ex-Kaiser. A Washington telegram referring to this asserts that  
President Wilson opposes the Allies' demand.

**JAPAN AND POLAND.**  
WARSAW, February 15.  
On the occasion of the coming into force of the treaty of Versailles,  
the Emperor of Japan sent assurance to the Polish Government of Japan's  
desire to collaborate with Poland.

**AMERICAN DEMAND FROM TURKEY.**  
WASHINGTON, February 15.  
The U. S. Government has demanded that Turkey take steps for the  
arrest and punishment of the murderers of the American relief  
workers who were attacked while accompanying a convoy on January 22.

**ADMIRAL SIMS EXPLAINS.**  
WASHINGTON, February 15.  
Admiral Sims denied before the Senate committee that he had sought  
to belittle the efforts of America in the war, but he did attempt to correct  
the ideas in the minds of certain Americans "that the United States were  
winning the war because this was harmful to us in the eyes of the Allies."

**THE PEACE TREATY.**  
WASHINGTON, February 11.  
The Peace Treaty has been reported back to the Senate by the Foreign  
Relations Committee and will be considered next week.

**SCHLESWIG VOTES GERMAN.**  
FLensburg, February 12.  
The international commission officially announce that the North  
Schleswig plebiscite resulted in 75,151 votes being cast in favour of union with  
Denmark, and 75,231 for Germany. The Danish authorities have entered  
north Schleswig to prepare the assumption of Danish administration. Voting  
in the middle zone will probably take place on March 14.

**SILVER MARKET.**  
A NEW RECORD.  
LONDON, February 12.  
Silver has risen to 89½d. for cash, which is a new record. The forward  
price remains at 87½d. As a result of the removal of the prohibition on  
imports of silver to India on private account, India as well as China bought  
yesterday.

## EARLIER TELEGRAMS.

(Reuter's Service to the China-Mail.)  
**SUPREME COUNCIL.**  
LONDON, February 14th.  
The Supreme Council discussed the  
Adriatic question, and the Turkish  
Treaty, the terms of which, it is under-  
stood, have been substantially settled.  
The Dutch Government receives the  
reply regarding the ex-Kaiser and war  
criminals to-morrow.  
LONDON, February 11th.  
M. Millerand, in the course of a state-  
ment in the Foreign Affairs Committee  
of the Chamber, said that as regards the  
Turkish question, two solutions were  
under consideration. First, depriving the  
Turks of Constantinople, and second,  
leaving the city to the Turks, with certain  
international guarantees. France favoured  
the latter course.

**BOLSHEVISTS CROSS THE SEA OF  
AZOV.**  
LONDON, February 11th.  
The War Office reports that the South  
Russian situation on February 8th was  
that the Red advance towards the Dnieper  
was continuing. The Bolsheviks, in the  
Crimean sector where they had penetrat-  
ed the defences of the isthmus for some  
distance were driven back to their start-  
ing point. Renewed Bolshevik attempts  
to cross the Dnieper and the Don were  
repulsed with heavy loss, but a large  
force crossed the Sea of Azov from  
Taganrog and gained a footing on the  
southern coast. In the West Caspian  
sector the Denikinites were pressing back  
the Bolsheviks.

**RACE RIOT IN KENTUCKY.**  
LEXINGTON (Kentucky), Feb. 10th.  
A mob attempted to storm the court  
house in order to lynch a negro sentenced  
to electrocution for atrociously murder-  
ing a ten-year-old white schoolgirl.  
Troops fired on the mob, killing 2 men  
and 5 women and wounding several.  
The mob is now looting hardware shops  
in order to obtain more firearms and is  
determined to capture the negro for whose  
protection the Governor has called out 400  
troops.

**RAILWAY TROUBLE IN THE  
STATES.**  
DETROIT, February 9th.  
In consequence of advices from  
Washington indicating no hope of a  
favourable outcome of the negotiations  
with the Director-General of Railroads  
the Railway Brotherhood announces that  
the Permanent Way employees have de-  
cided to call a strike on February 17th  
and 300,000 men are involved.

**SAN FRANCISCO FIRE.**  
SAN FRANCISCO, February 9th.  
Twenty-five persons were killed and  
thirty injured in a fire at a hotel here.  
The fate of others is uncertain.  
Practically the entire fire forces of the  
city were fighting the flames. It is re-  
ported that many bodies have been planned  
under the wreckage. The work of rescue  
is greatly hampered by an explosion  
which blew out the walls in two stories  
of the building.  
All the guests in the hotel, excepting a  
woman, escaped by jumping into nets and  
sliding down an improvised fire escape.

**UNIVERSAL MILITARY TRAINING.**  
WASHINGTON, February 9th.  
President Wilson, in a letter to a mem-  
ber of the House of Representatives Mil-  
itary Committee expressing the view that  
it is inadvisable for the Democrats to  
oppose universal military training, says  
that the disturbed state of the world does  
not permit the Americans lightly to de-  
cide the question, and, therefore, he re-  
commends that the party decision be  
deferred until the forthcoming National  
Convention.

**LABOUR CAMPAIGN IN THE  
STATES.**  
WASHINGTON, February 9th.  
The farmers' organization with a mem-  
bership of 700,000 refuses to join the  
American Federation of Labour's politi-  
cal campaign. It is contended that the  
farmers' interests are not identical with  
those of labourers, and, as an illustra-  
tion, it is pointed out that when Con-  
gress fixed the price of wheat the Unions  
urged it to be at a low figure.

**SILVER QUEEN DISASTER.**  
LOSPEY, February 11th.  
The pilot Vannoy had already ap-  
plied to the Air Ministry for permission  
to purchase a machine in Cairo in order  
to fit in the Silver Queen's undamaged  
engines and resume the journey to the  
Cape as soon as possible.  
It is surmised that the disaster occurred  
while the pilots were engaged in the most  
difficult operation of changing places  
according to pre-arrangement.  
The Silver Queen had left for Khartum  
at 11.15 p.m. from Cairo on February  
11th in fine weather.

**THE AMERICA CUP.**  
LONDON, February 11th.  
The New York Yacht Club has accepted  
Björn's challenge to the America Cup  
with Shamrock IV, for the America Cup.  
The first race takes place on July 15th  
off Sandyhook as usual.

**THE NICKEL COINAGE REPORT.**  
LOSPEY, February 10th.  
The Mond Nickel Company deny the  
statement made by the National News  
regarding the nickel contract given to the  
company by the Government, in view of  
the introduction of nickel coinage.

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THE TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 11th February to the 21st February (both days inclusive), during which period no Transfer of Shares can be Registered.

JOHN D. HUMPHREYS & SON,  
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Hongkong, February 3, 1920.

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The Register of Shares of the Corporation will be CLOSED from MONDAY, the 16th February, to SATURDAY, 28th February, 1920, (both days inclusive), during which period no transfer of shares can be registered.

By Order of the Court of Directors,  
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Hongkong, February 10, 1920.

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7	106	Shaikwan Road, New Territories.	N. S. E. W.	1. 0. 0.	100
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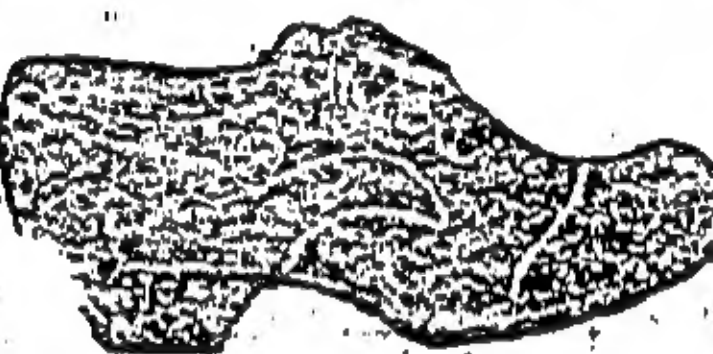
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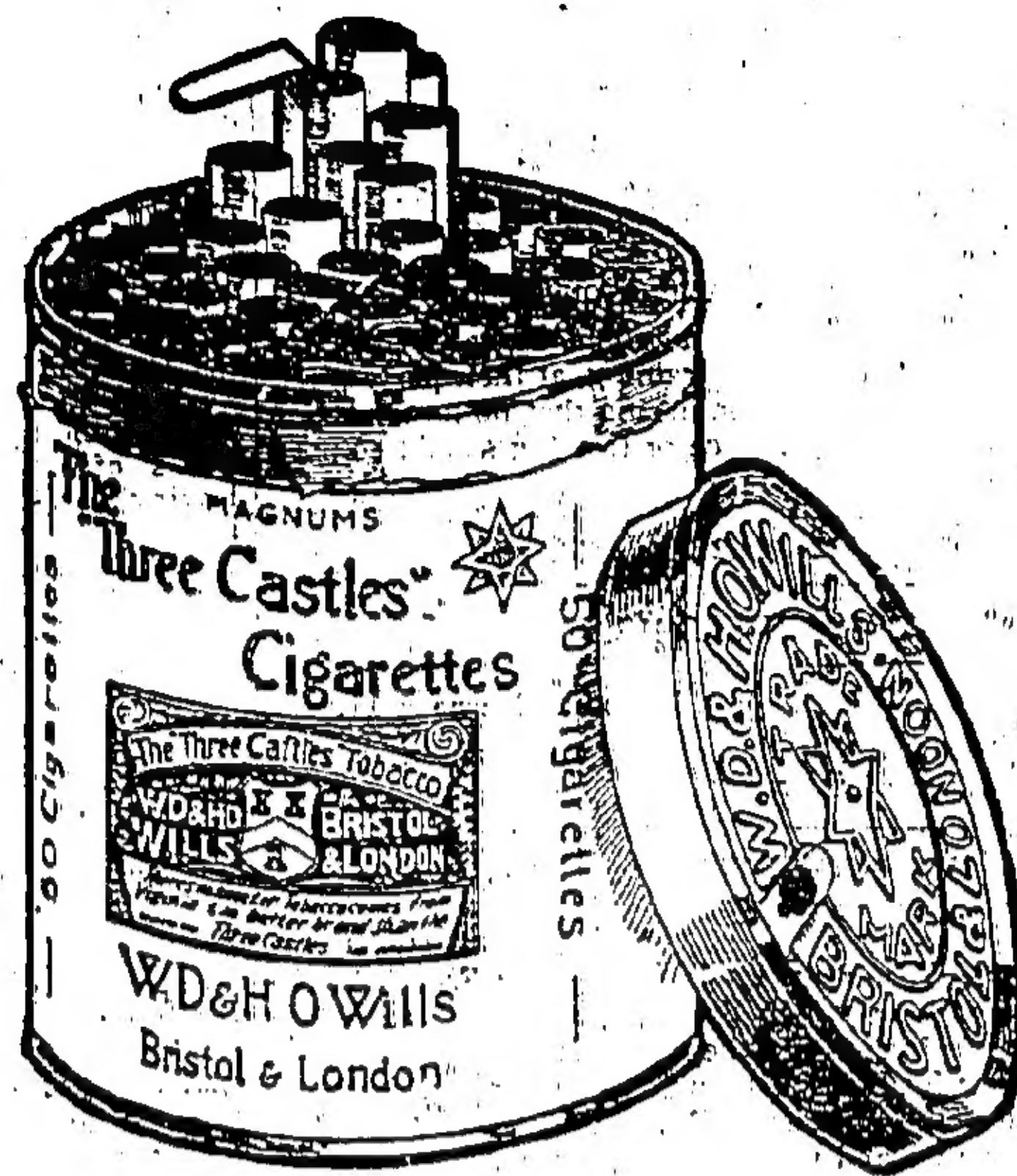
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What is a tax? The question is apparently a very easy one, but it is part of both the difficulty and the charm of our study that the easy things turn out to be the hard ones. Still, by beginning at the beginning, as we always try to do, we may go a little way in the right direction, so that we can finish the journey by ourselves at leisure.

One of the very few things we know about Shakespeare's father, is that he was fined for having a heap of refuse in front of his door. They were not very sensitive to these things then, and we may be pretty sure that the nuisance was a bad one and of old standing. Whether John Shakespeare's father was a bad one or not, what is known is that a few years later, in April, 1564, the plague broke out in Stratford and swept off most of the inhabitants. It spared John Shakespeare's house, and so his baby boy, William, only a week or two old, lived on to write the greatest things in the world's literature.

Now observe that John Shakespeare had to remove his own refuse. He had either to do the job himself and lose his time, or pay someone to do it. You are not in that position. Your refuse is removed for you, nor do you have to hunt for a man to do it. The municipality sends him, and pays him, and you repay it: his wages when you pay your "rates," which are only local taxes.

In this and many similar cases it is clear that the payment of a tax is the purchase of a commodity or services. The postman, the policeman, and the teacher are just as much your servants as the "chaffy" and the washerwoman who come on their appointed days to help your wife in her housework.

## IN DARKEST AFRICA.

Suppose you were taken up on the magic carpet of the Eastern fairy tales and suddenly transported into a native village in darkest Africa. Well, you would miss many things very sadly—the clean and lighted streets, perfect sanitation, safety of life and limb, freedom to enjoy yourself and your property in your own way. You would miss all that makes life as you now know it possible. In a word, you would miss civilization, and surely you would soon come to the conclusion that though you had now no rates and taxes to pay, you would gladly pay them to

get the great boons you formerly got for them in old England.

When you are buying a hat you pay great attention to two points—(1) the quality of the hat, and (2) the price you are asked to pay for it. You want the quality to be as high and the price as low as possible. Foolish people sometimes talk as if you were acting improperly when you do this, but you know that if you do not do it for yourself nobody is in the least likely to do it for you.

In precisely the same way a tax should be regarded as the price paid for something—namely, the services rendered by the Government. You cannot do without these services, and you cannot render them to yourself. Once every man was his own policeman. What do you think would become of us if that time came back again, and you had to spend a good portion of your time safeguarding goods already possessed instead of at work producing more?

THE FIRST DUTY OF CITIZENSHIP. In John Shakespeare's day the State did very little for the citizen. It had got to the point of fining him when the refuse heap in front of his door grew too much of a nuisance, but, as you may remember, even two centuries later when Dr. Johnson arrived in Edinburgh in the dark, he growled out to Boswell that he knew he was there because he smelt it—for Edinburgh was the Athens of the North from one point of view and Auld Reekie from another.

In these later days the tide has turned, and is running strongly in the other direction. The State does far more than it used to do, and every day new calls are made on its activities. Hence the first business of the citizen is to remember that a tax is a price, and that it is just as true of State services as it is of the services rendered by hat makers and housemaids, that the man who pays a penny more for them than they are worth to him is not doing something noble and patriotic, but something unenlightened and foolish.

In private life the relation between the price paid and the commodity received in return is always watched more or less carefully, for to each one of us this relation is a matter of direct personal concern. Your hat must fit, because you have to wear it; it must be worth its price for you have to pay for it. The man who does not make sure of these points is not fulfilling his first duty to himself, and, so, those dependent upon him.

The fact is, that the latter is a known and easily judged commodity makes it very easy. You cannot see the State, and perhaps you have never reflected that a tax, direct or indirect, is really the purchase price of an important commodity—the Government. If you now recognize the fact you will also realize that the first duty of citizenship is to see that you get your money's worth to the last farthing.

ADVANTAGES OF  
IGNORANCE.HUMOROUS SPEECH BY  
MR. FISHER.

Mr. Augustine Birrell presided at the National Liberal Club over a delightful lecture given by Mr. H. A. L. Fisher, M.P.

Mr. Fisher, who was cordially received, spoke on "The Natural Limits of the Value of Ignorance." The first part of his address was in the ironical vein. He quoted a resolution of the Caterers' and Residential Hotel Keepers' Association, which suggested the suspension of the operation of the new Education Act for a period of three years. In their opinion the business of catering for the body would be conducted with more success if unimpeded by the process of catering for the mind. (Laughter.) The idea was that as we were going to be poor we might as well be ignorant. (Renewed laughter.)

Was not one good hotel keeper doing more for the human race than 10 indifferent poets, and why should money, the most precious of God's gifts, be expended on an effort to rectify qualities based upon the primordial nature of things? (Laughter.) Let it be remembered that a dinner party was reduced to chaos if all the guests insisted on talking at the same time, that a Cabinet was ruined if it contained more than one clever man—(loud laughter)—that ignorance and her twin sister inertia were such essential parts of human well-being, such indispensable political ballast to the State that any country would become ungovernable if all its residents really took to thinking for themselves. (Laughter.)

Consider the numerous advantages of ignorance, how comfortable, how fashionable, how inexpensive, how congruous with the designs of Providence, with the immutable nature of man, with the wise economy of State, and, finally, in view of the fact that the people of Great Britain had during the present year acquired 35,630,000 hours a week more leisure, how agreeable to the financial interests of caterers and residential hotel keepers.

## VIEWS ABOUT THE PRESS.

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**THE CHINESE BAROMETER.**

The bright weekly organ of the  
San Francisco Chamber of Commerce  
has these notes on Jan. 1:

**CHINA EXCHANGE.**

The annual tumble of Shanghai and  
China exchange in general is sched-  
uled this year for about February 19.  
To date the high point of Shanghai  
exchange has recorded tall checks at  
1.70 with a weakening early in  
December and a consequent drop to  
1.55 about December 10.

Recent arrivals from Shanghai Pre-  
dict a drop of some 40 points in ex-  
change, basing their conclusions on  
years of experience in the Shanghai  
exchange market. While it is pre-  
dicted the Hongkong exchange will  
also drop, it is thought the move-  
ment will not be so marked. The  
immediate cause of the annual drop  
in exchange is the arrival of Chinese  
New Year and the heavy buying by  
the Chinese at that time.

At the present time money is ex-  
tremely tight in Shanghai, with an  
almost complete cessation of the buy-  
ing of American goods. Foreign resi-  
dents in Shanghai are generally buy-  
ing American gold or other foreign  
credits rather than products. The  
drop in exchange that has taken place  
in December is believed to be due to  
the arrival of Christmas. It is the  
custom among the large Chinese mer-  
chants to observe our holidays to the  
extent of purchasing presents and  
spending money for foreigners in  
China. It is believed, however, that  
exchange will go up again before the  
arrival of the Chinese New Year.

While high exchange on the Chi-  
nese market is said to be due to ex-  
cessive buying of Chinese products by  
America and other foreign countries,  
this statement is only partly true. It  
is probably more true that there is not  
a sufficient amount of buying to  
furnish the Chinese with the neces-  
sary money to buy foreign credits and  
there is therefore no equalization to  
the upward trend of the silver market.

In other words, the foreign coun-  
tries are not sending enough money  
into China to make money free enough  
for exportation from China. The  
demand for American goods is not  
being met and will not be met until  
financial conditions improve. Bank-  
ers believe that the high level has  
already been arrived at and that the  
effect of releasing American silver  
dollars which has already started will  
be to deflate exchange.

The effect of this, it is contended,  
will be seen following the Chinese  
New Year.

In times past, exchange has remain-  
ed low from the New Year until about  
June, when it has commenced to  
climb, reaching high points from  
September to December. In 1920  
it is believed that the climb will be  
much slower and not nearly so high.  
The effect of the increased amount of  
silver in China combined with the  
loosening up of money after the New  
Year will be more beneficial if the  
foreign firms in Shanghai are equipped

with stocks to take care of the busi-  
ness. For the layman it is interest-  
ing to know that cash transactions in  
Shanghai a month ago yielded \$135  
and \$145 American currency for one  
hundred Mexican dollars. In normal  
times the low Mexican dollar was  
worth fifty cents. It is now worth  
almost three times as much.

**TRADE MARKS.**

With the subject of trademark  
piracy commanding the attention of  
American business men interested in  
foreign fields, it is interesting to learn  
that China affords some measure of  
protection to owners of trade-marks.  
While the Chinese Government has  
never adopted specific regulations re-  
garding trade-mark registration, under  
a treaty negotiated with all the great  
powers it has arranged for the tem-  
porary registration of marks with the  
Commissioner of Customs in Shang-  
hai.

According to information received  
by the Foreign Trade Department, the  
Chinese Government has indicated  
that the trademark laws to be adopted  
must first secure the approval of Brit-  
ish and American firms doing busi-  
ness in China. A great deal of cor-  
respondence between the Government  
and British and American Chambers  
of Commerce on this subject is al-  
ready recorded. The trademark law  
to be adopted will be practically the  
same as the American one.

A great many trademarks have  
already been registered by irrespon-  
sible Chinese and foreign firms, and  
there will undoubtedly be a great  
many legal battles in China as else-  
where regarding the ownership of  
these marks.

American manufacturers are urged  
to register marks in China at the  
earliest possible date. Although the  
registration at the present time does  
not guarantee them absolute protec-  
tion, it will place them in a much  
better position than if they allowed  
their marks to remain unregistered.

There is an American company in  
Shanghai doing a registration busi-  
ness for a fee of \$25.00 for each trade  
mark, which includes fees paid to the  
Consulate and the Commissioner of  
Customs. This agency requires the  
name of the company or corporation  
owning the trademark, the place of  
incorporation, the principal place of  
business of the corporation or com-  
pany, details as to the connection in  
which the trademark is to be used,  
duplicate printed facsimiles of the  
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veying authority to register trade-  
marks on behalf of the owners.

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a meeting ground for business men  
of the three nationalities. The need  
for this club was due to the fact that  
foreign clubs in Shanghai could not  
admit Chinese to membership. While  
the club is social in nature, it will do  
much to foster closer acquaintance and  
a better understanding in business.

**CHINESE ARSENALS.**

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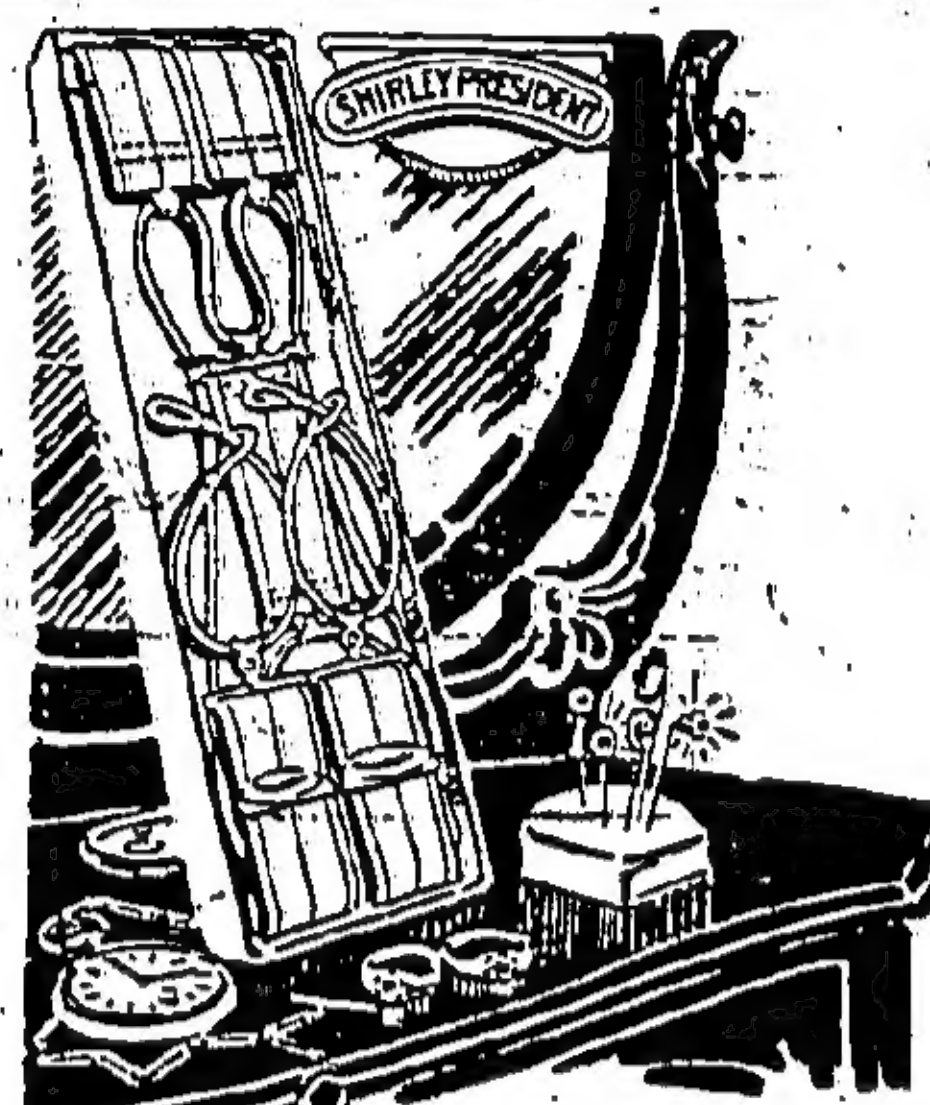
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HONGKONG, TUESDAY, FEB. 17, 1920.

## GOVERNMENT ECONOMY.

The Home Government has decided to hang the expense and increase the Old Age Pension to the princely sum of ten shillings a week. The increase costs about ten million sterling a year. It would have been cheaper, and we are inclined to add that it might have been kinder, to institute a series of lethal chambers, in which those who are old enough and poor enough to require ten weekly shillings to prolong a bare and bleak and useless existence might find euthanasia. If that be too shocking, we have other suggestions. An honest revision of the Pension List, by an impartial Commission of tax-payers, would lead to a saving of at least double that number of millions. If this be rejected as too deliciously improbable, there is one more alternative, after making which (lacking support) we will be quite ready to give it up, and leave the Home Government to "dree its ain weid." We are not sure what that is, except that it is certainly weird. The final instalment of General Denikin's subsidy, paid or to be paid this current winter, was also about ten millions sterling. The Chinese are sound in the ethics of filial behaviour, and will readily seize our point that it looks wrong to squander a cumshaw of ten millions sterling on those crazy Russians, to enable them to carry on their civil war, while our fathers and our mothers are needing a few shillings extra a week to enable them to make a better fight against the High Cost of Living. If Englishmen cannot see it in the same light, we are sorry for them. As for the Gang at present responsible, with Chamberlain, Churchill, and Lloyd George especially in mind, and all their relations and friends, their ideas of economy appeal to our risible sensibility. We are not sure about the inward truth of the saying that says every people gets the government it deserves. That does seem just a little bit too rough on the British people for the time being. What we are sure about and quite positive of is that the British people is at present getting the government it pays for through the nose.

## ADVERSARIA.

EXAMPLE FOR  
HONGKONG  
PATRONS.

The *Manchurian Daily News*, a bright little newspaper that is published by yonder amid the snow and ice by our Japanese friends sets an example that, if followed, should make some of the Hongkong newspapers more interesting. It has an apologetic corner headed *Errata*, which is Latin for "my mistake. Beg pardon." In a recent number it had this: "In column 1, 28th line from the head of the article, 'the nominees were short.' Should read 'the nominees were short.' Same of our Hongkong nominees have been caught short before-to-day; but hush dear—the baby is listening."

Is there any earthly speech versus chance of hitting upon an explanation of this curious Hongkong phenomenon? When the *China Mail* prints what the pear-shaped group of business intellectuals have been saying at the bar for years and years and years, the said pear-shaped G.O.B. desert its pious hands in pious horror and bleats tut-tut—the *China Mail* goes too far. It could certainly go farther and fare worse; but aren't they a bunch of shy and shrinking violets?

The *China Mail's* book reviewer is down with the Methuen, entitled "South Sea Foam, or The Romantic Adventures of a Modern Don Quixote in the Southern Seas," has fallen into the hands of the Adversarian. There is poetic justice in this, because the Adversarian knows all the islands that the author, A. Saffron-Middleton, knows, and more. The book has given him a lot of good healthy laughs. Saffron-Middleton is a bluffer from Bluffborough, and a leg-puller of the bright and brazen bunch. His yarn is indeed foam, like that on a mug of draft beer, in one of those swindling pubs where they don't do the long pull.

It begins well with this ROMANCE, quite delightful quotation: "On the open ancient seafaring harp awakes." The all does not really sleep, and the wind harp doesn't really sleep, but you get the idea. The appetite for romance is universal. Mr. Saffron-Middleton trades on the Pacific playing the fiddle to Polynesian royalties. Strictly speaking, the Hawaiian islands, which he devotes much space, are not in the South Sea at all. They are well north of the equator. It was there, under a King with a

name that corresponds to none we have heard of, that our author was leader of the royal orchestra for a long while. He has visited all the usual ports, Suva (where he had incredible adventures) Papeete, Honolulu, Apia, etc., and by the use of a peculiarly active imagination has given all those places an unusually rosy colour. Those who know the islands may be slightly irritated by his cheek, but those who don't may consider it a very readable yarn. It certainly evokes vivid pictures of the *moana usi* (blue ocean) and of the less reputable *papalagi* (white men) who infest some of the beaches. His native myths appear to be pure fake. His most exciting adventures are of the armchair and pipe-dream order. Every coolie he met was a great chief. There has been nothing yet written in this line to equal the famous diary of the Earl and the Doctor, which some people thought too frank about the light loves of those sunny lands. "South Sea Foam" is suggestive without having the merit of truth. There is a "literary" pretentiousness about it that is also rather offensive. He says:

The seas I've roamed, hypocrisy I hate:  
God grafted in my soul the fire of song.  
On life's dark hills I've wrestled, fought with Fate,  
Here in South Seas, still young, I jog along,  
'Tis strange strange dreams as low the banyan bends  
O'er beathens singing by their huts—  
—my friends!  
After all, there are probably people who like that sort of thing.

## LOCAL AND GENERAL.

To day's dollar is worth 5.74.

The U. S. gun-boat "Helen" has arrived from Canton; she is an honor in the Northern part of the harbor.

The Right Rev. end Bishop D. Pezzoni left on Saturday for a visit to the New Territories and expects to be away for about ten days.

A mission will be conducted by the Redemptorist Fathers in the Catholic Cathedral from Sunday, February 29 till Sunday, March 7.

We have received from the local branch of the Nestle and Anglo-Swiss Condensed Milk Co., a very useful Milkmaid perpetual desk calendar.

Nearly a thousand sampans are now anchored in Aberdeen Bay to celebrate Chinese New Year in that port. Under the circumstances, we may expect a lively time and a few squabbles this week in the peaceful harbor.

The Hongkong Tramway Company's traffic receipts for the week were: \$14,647, or \$1,036 more than last year. The aggregate receipts for 7 weeks were \$93,474, or \$7,418 less than in the corresponding period of 1919.

Monsieur C. E. W. Ricou, formerly an officer of the aviation-corps in France, now of the Electric Light Co. in Macao, arrived here on Sunday night. He is to remain here on business for a few days, and is staying at the Hongkong Hotel.

Monsieur Albert Kopp, representing the well-known drapery firm Dornieul Freres arrived yesterday from Tonkin on the s.s. "Hanoi," on a business trip. He is staying at the Hongkong Hotel and is leaving in a few days for Shanghai on the "Paul Decat."

Sir William Rees Davies, K.C., Chief Justice, leaves for Home per s.s. "Venezuela" on the 27th inst., on furlough. Mr. Justice Gompertz will act as Chief Justice and Mr. J. R. Wood will officiate as puisne judge. Mr. C. D. Melbourne is also due for leave but his successor as Registrar has not yet been appointed.

The *China Mail* has been asked to announce that the donors of the Tai Yuek Fong Derby Sweep are as follows:—First prize, ticket No. 1476 Mr. Kung Lee (Clerk in A. S. Watson and Company) value \$6,046. Second prize, ticket No. 499 Mr. J. Hyde (Wharf and Godown Company) value \$1,725. Third prize, ticket No. 1591 Customs Club/Tientsin, value \$862.50.

The Douglas S.S. Co. is chartering for one more year the s.s. "Quinebaug" in order to start by March 15 a new line direct from Hongkong to Saigon. The "Quinebaug" was one of the boats taken from the Germans in the Philippine Islands, when the U.S. entered the war. That explains why she is sailing under the American flag.

Prof. Eichheim, first violinist of the Boston Symphony Orchestra arrived here from Manila on the "Empress of Russia" with Mrs. Eichheim and their daughter. Prof. Eichheim who spent a few months in Japan studying Oriental music gave there several successful concerts, some in aid of the Siberian Red Cross. We hope to hear both Prof. Eichheim and his wife, who is an excellent accompanist.

## HONGKONG GYMKHANA CLUB.

LADY MEMBERS TO BE  
ADMITTED.

Members of the Hongkong Gymkhana Club met last evening for the annual general meeting at the Jockey Club rooms. Mr. C. C. Moxon presided and the attendance included Messrs. T. F. Hough, H. Humphreys, J. Dick, C. H. P. Hay, S. Sassoon, L. N. Lee, L. Cassel, R. de Journal, P. M. Hodgson, C. L. Sandes, G. W. Gegg, F. H. Thomas, J. P. Jones, S. E. Grimstone, F. Sutton, D. E. Clark, Bell Irving and H. B. L. Dowbiggin, Hon. Secretary.

The Chairman read the Report of the Committee, as follows:—The Club held five ordinary Gymkhana Race meetings during the Season—excellent sport being shown—and the appreciation of the same by the general public is apparent by the larger receipts from commissions in Cash Sweeps and Pari-mutuels. A very successful extra Gymkhana was held on 29th November, St. Andrew's Meeting, in aid of the Hongkong Fund for Devastated Villages of France, the net proceeds of which amounted to \$7,737. The thanks of the Committee are due to all those who in any way assisted therein. In addition to this amount, the Committee during the season made grants of:—

\$500.—to Hongkong Polo Club to enable that Club to repair their ground and restart Polo which had lapsed during the War. Opportunities for riding are so limited in Hongkong that it is to the interest of Racing to assist in any way to help forward young riders.

\$11.—to the Victoria British School in aid of their Sports fund. As a consideration for the use of their ground for the turning out of ponies for grazing.

\$1,100.—was also voted to establish a grazing ground and paddock for race ponies out in the new territory. This ground was used by over 20 ponies in the short time it was opened and we hope that when we have more experience of the conditions prevailing it will prove a boon to owners.

\$600.—to the Jockey Club for provision of the Gymkhana Club Cup at Annual Race Meeting. The thanks of the Gymkhana Club are due to the Jockey Club for the use of the Course and Stands during the Summer.

The above proves the usefulness of the Hongkong Gymkhana Club in the Colony in addition to being a nursery for new jockeys and enabling members and the public to enjoy good sport during the Summer. We have no doubt the members will confirm the Committee's action in making the above grants. There remains a balance in hand of \$3,821.65, showing the Club's healthy state and progress. You will be asked later to vote \$3,000 of this to the Hongkong Jockey Club carrying forward \$821.65 towards the working of the forthcoming season. His Excellency the Governor Sir R. E. Stubbs K.C.M.G., and His Excellency Vice Admiral Sir A. L. Duff have honoured the Club by becoming Patrons.

The Chairman thanked Mr. D. M. Rees for the care of the meadow in the New Territory and for his successful handicapping.

On the question of the admission of lady members the Chairman said that Mr. J. Johnstone asked him to move a motion on his behalf that a rule be adopted admitting lady members, viz. widows of past members (providing they have not remarried), and wives, unmarried daughters and sisters of members. Mr. Johnstone's motion however could not be put owing to the rule which provided that no person could be a member of the Gymkhana Club unless he were a member of the Hongkong Jockey Club (Army and Navy officers excepted). As precedents for the admission of lady members, however, they had the action taken at home and in Shanghai, and to get over the difficulty he had mentioned he would move as follows:—

"That subject to the approval of the Steward of the Jockey Club, Rule 3 of the Gymkhana Club be altered to read as at present but with the addition after the words 'Navy' of the words 'and widows who have not remarried, of past members of the Gymkhana Club and wives and unmarried daughters and sisters of present members.'"

Mr. L. Cassel seconded and the motion was carried unanimously. The alteration will be confirmed at another meeting.

The meeting decided, on the motion of Mr. F. H. Thomas, seconded by Mr. H. Humphreys, to vote \$3,000 to the Jockey Club.

The accounts will be submitted at a future meeting. Messrs. Linstead and Davis were appointed Treasurers of the Club at a fee not to exceed \$500 annually.

Mr. Dowbiggin was thanked for his services as Hon. Secretary of the Club.

The following Committee was elected: Messrs. J. Johnstone, D. M. Rees, J. Dick, D. E. Clark, L. N. Lee and T. F. Hough.

The next Gymkhana will take place on March 23.

"WALLA WALLA" boats are new and fast—Get them at Blake Pier.

## CASUAL COMMENTS.

[By "THE TRAMP."]

The annual race meeting has come and gone. It was not favoured with brilliant weather, but nevertheless the populace turned up in sufficient force to make the meeting a success. From what I hear the memory has to be carried back a considerable distance before another instance of the races being held before Chinese New Year is found. Doubts have been expressed as to whether the new departure of the Jockey Club in holding the races on four successive days is likely to be generally appreciated. The public at any rate seemed slightly fed up with four continuous days of racing and rain. But the Jockey Club wasn't responsible for the weather.

Before all the talk of aeronautics and aero clubs has had a chance to drop we have had an aeroplane right in our midst. The visitor arrived in the Something Maru and its owner has flown to Macao. This will doubtless interest the owners of the fantom houses. They might possibly inaugurate a service of their own and so provide a few more hours sport for their patrons. But what has happened to our aero club? In the customary Hongkong manner it started off with a great show of enthusiasm but since then nothing has been heard of it. Let me beseech its promoters not to hide its light under a bushel, but to let the public know that it is out for business. For a starter, it might find out from the Government why it (the Government) wouldn't let Mr. Johnstone fly.

Poor old *Pater Familias*. He doesn't agree with boxing, especially for schoolboys. His letter, or from the personal pronoun used, their letter, is an amusing one. Having begged and been granted, permission to quote a portion of a speech by the Governor at a prize distribution—apparently forgetting that His Excellency has told us he rarely gets serious at these functions—he goes on to give reasons as to why he—or they—don't agree with boxing for boys. Point one is that boxing is not strictly a good sport for young boys, who generally have a weak constitution and the strain may be detrimental to their health. Pure puff, dear old *Pater*. In the first place it may reasonably be inferred that the Governor was referring to boys who were over the "young" age and whom the exercise would benefit. Then again, I am sure His Excellency did not mean in any way to suggest that a set of gloves should be scrambled for and that the remainder of the school should sit back and watch two youthful gladiators trying to pound the life out of each other. Boxing, like any other sports, must be carried on under supervision and the benefits that result begin with self-defence, self-reliance and self-control.

Leaving his boys at school our *Pater Familias* comes to generalities and assures us that "boxing is perhaps good for adults and healthier men, such as farmers, soldiers, sailors and cowboys who can resist heavy blows." He becomes rather involved. For instance the "healthier men" he speaks of must be adults; though adults need not be healthy men. The four classes of individuals to whom he refers must feel flattered but he might have included newspaper editors, lawyers and the Hongkong commercial leaders.

"Why do not taipans take a fancy in the boxing?" I rather think *Pater* really meant to say "to boxing." Many do take a fancy in the boxing. The Hongkong way is generally to bet on the corners—like playing fan-tan. It would be difficult for a real taipan to take a fancy to boxing, because if he is the real genuine article he will have developed a paunch. Taipanships and paunches should automatically go together. Follows the brilliant suggestion of the whole letter "Let the taipans and high officials come into the ring to give us a jolly show."

It's a beautiful suggestion. The programme I submit should include: Sir Paul Chater v. The Editor of the *China Mail*. (For the Miner's Bet).

Mr. B. L. Frost v. The Reporter who mentioned his name.

Battle Royal—Constitutional Reform Association v. Kowloon Residents' Association.

These three events in themselves would be well worth witnessing and would prove a great draw. I would be inclined to support the *China Mail* in the two events in which it is mentioned. The last named would be a bitter fight.

Endeavouring to be serious, *Pater* should try to assimilate the fact that boxing is not a sport of blows and knockouts, although it is certainly more dangerous than pingpong. The risk of a blackeye may be great but as for sustaining a "broken spine" there are long odds against it. *Pater* must have been thinking of simple chasing—or of marriage.

## ST. PAUL'S GIRLS' SCHOOL.

ANNUAL PRIZE DAY.

The Y.M.C.A. Auditorium was filled yesterday afternoon by a gathering of parents and friends of the students of St. Paul's Girls' School on the occasion of the celebration of the first graduation of the Chung Hok Class, and the annual prize distribution, which ceremony was this year performed by Mrs. V. G. Gurner.

The Bishop of Victoria presided and amongst those present were the Misses Gurner, Mrs. Lander, Rev. A. D. Stewart and Mrs. Stewart, Rev. C. B. Shann and Mr. Y. P. Law.

The function opened with a well arranged concert programme, which was contributed to by the students of the school. The various turns were enthusiastically applauded by all present.

THE REPORT.  
Miss K. Woo, the Principal, read the annual report of the school, which was as follows:—

We are to-day not only giving an account of our work for the past year, but are also celebrating the first graduation of our Chung Hok Class. Just as it is one of the happiest moments of a mother to see her first-born babe, so it is one of the most gratifying events of a school to celebrate the first graduation of its highest class.

This school came into existence in February, 1915, with Miss K. Stewart as Principal for eighteen months. Miss Stewart, with boundless patience and courageous spirit, bore the responsibilities of the new school almost single-handed, and did much solid spadework, thus rendering the task of her successor less difficult.

To Mr. Lam Woo, one of its founders, the school is indebted for one of its fundamental objects—the object of giving Chinese girls a sound vernacular education. Realising the toly of making Chinese boys and girls pursue studies in a foreign language at the expense of their own, Mr. Lam Woo started the school with the aim and object of giving a Chinese girl a sound vernacular training, and at the same time providing her with opportunities of learning to converse and correspond in English with facility.

The school started with a Staff of six, and a roll of 50 pupils. We have now grown to a Staff of 20, and a total on the roll for the past year of 157. We are thankful to find that four of the original 50 are in the Graduation Class.

The work of all the classes has been good, particularly in the Higher Primary. One of the signs of improvement in the steady working of the girls through the year is that they did not stay away from examinations as many had done in previous years. Marked progress has been made in two Chinese subjects—Writing and Composition; and in the English language, especially Reading and Oral Composition.

The little success that we have attained is due to the untiring efforts of the Staff whose devoted service cannot be too highly praised. With deep appreciation of their co-operation and conscientious work I wish to extend my hearty thanks to them. We are glad to have secured the services of Mrs. Yuen who is an experienced teacher, and is proving an excellent helper in the school. We are sorry to be losing two good assistant teachers, Miss Kwong Yuk Kwai and Miss Li King Yung, both of whom leave us in order to pursue further studies, the former in America and the latter in Canton. Their places will be taken by Miss Lo Chui Wa and Miss Wong Po Kwai.

Similar to that of all Christian Schools the fundamental object of our school's existence is character-building. This finds expression in the organisation of the Y.W.C.A. in the school; and in joining the Ministering Children's League. The girls have also formed a club called the "Kim Tak Wai" (Association of practice of thrift and simplicity). We are happy to record a few of the encouraging results of the activities of these three branch-organisations of the school. The Y.W.C.A. members organised 14 Bible classes which meet regularly once a week with the average attendance of 80 pupils. The result of these classes is that 12 girls will be baptised, while 30 others are also desirous of embracing the Christian faith, if they could obtain the consent of their parents. We have had 13 baptisms in the last two years. A Sunday School in Tai Hang Village is managed by some of the members of the Staff and senior pupils of the school.

As regards the Ministering Children's League, the girls have manifested in a remarkable way, the willingness of service. The amounts of monies collected, increased as they have been from year to year, show how hard they have worked: \$900 in the first year, \$1,000 the second year, \$1,100 the third year, besides contributions to the bazaar for the Church extension, Yunnan Missionary Movement and other charitable institutions.

A Summer School for teaching poor girls was instituted in August and was conducted entirely by the senior students during the Summer Vacation. 80 girls attended.

Before closing this report, I should like to express my appreciation of the invaluable assistance I have received from the Graduation Class which has been, without exaggeration, the mainstay of the school.

## SPECIAL CABLE.

CHINESE ARTISANS' STRIKE  
AT SINGAPORE.

[China Mail Special.]

SINGAPORE, Feb. 14.

All the Chinese skilled artisans at the docks and at the leading engineering firms have come out on strike, and are demanding a cent per cent. increase in wages.

The situation is serious. The men refuse to lessen their demands. It is believed that outside agitators have instigated the strike. Work at the docks is at standstill.

stay of the school. I feel it a real privilege and joy to have my responsibilities so effectively shared by the girls. They have shown perseverance, ability and willingness in carrying out any projects, be they great or small. One of the marked characteristics of the class is a wonderful spirit of unity.

I should like to thank Wei Kam Sang, Mabel Chan and Yung Siu Hing for looking after the school stationery during these past years, and Wei Kam Man and Leong Sau King for shouldering the responsibilities of the Ministering Children's League work. It will be a great loss to the school when they leave, but I am in hopes that several of them will stay on, and make the school a greater success. Nevertheless, I fully believe that no matter where their lots will be cast they will ever keep in view the ideals of their school, which are based on 1st, Corinthians XIII., namely Faith, Hope and Charity. (Applause.)

His Lordship Bishop Lander then invited Mrs. Gurner to distribute the prizes.

Mrs. Gurner, who was greeted with applause, addressed the girls and thanked them for the privilege accorded her of presenting the prizes. It was a very great pleasure for her to come that afternoon, more so as that would be the last occasion on which she would be able to perform that pleasant task. She was going back to England for good, and she hoped that the school would continue to progress and earn successes as it had done in the past. She would remember them always, and she hoped that the girls of to-day would grow up, under the care of Miss Woo, to be good women and to carry on the work Miss Woo had begun. When she got back to England and visited any school there she would tell the pupils of the good work the girls in China were doing in the school and how they were keeping up the traditions of school-life. (Applause.)

Mrs. Gurner then distributed the prizes.

Mr. Y. P. Law, Inspector of Chinese Schools, next addressed the students in Chinese on the real value of graduation.

The Chairman then said that there only remained for him to bring the proceedings to a close by expressing their hearty thanks to Mrs. Gurner for distributing the prizes and to the kind friends who had given the prizes. They were very generous in their gifts and they were very much appreciated by the scholars who earned them. He also thanked the donors of brooches for the graduating class. He wished to congratulate the Head-mistress on the report and on the splendid progress the school was making. He was sure it must be very gratifying to Miss Stewart, who, he was glad to see, was present, to know how much the school had grown. He was glad to hear from the report that efforts were being made to inculcate the principle of thrift and simplicity in the lives of those who attended the school, and also to notice that they take so much interest in movements like the Young Helpers' League. They were learning to be unselfish. Like Mrs. Gurner, he was sorry that he, too, would not be present at the next prize-giving. He thought he had had the honour of presiding at five. He had been dreaming a dream and in his dream a very great and wealthy prince had come to him and had asked him to accept a handsome donation for educational purposes in Hongkong. His dream would be equally well fulfilled if ten persons went to him and gave him a donation of \$100,000 each to build a new St. Paul's Girls' College, before completing the scheme for a boys' College, for St. Stephen's Girls' College, for the Diocesan Boys' School and for institutions which needed to be set upon their feet. They could do that with a million dollars now. If that came to pass he was quite sure that it would be for the benefit of the present generation, for China and indeed for the whole world. He hoped that before very long, if possible at the next prize-giving, they would have a beautiful school, with a hall like that of the Y.M.C.A. where they would be able to assemble on similar occasions. He wished to see the school continue to prosper. He congratulated all concerned and hoped that the parents of the scholars would do all in their power to assist in getting that building. There was a magnificent future for the school. (Applause.)

Cheers were called for Mrs. Gurner, the Bishop and Miss Woo and were lustily given.

Mrs. Gurner was also presented with a bouquet.



## TO-DAY'S CABLES.

(Route's Service to the China Mail.)

## FRANCE THREATENS GERMANY.

COPENHAGEN, Feb. 12. From Berlin it is semi-officially stated that M. Millerand handed the German mission in Paris a note stating that in view of Germany's non-fulfilment of the conditions of article 429 of the peace treaty, whereby Germany undertook to deliver to the Allies 1,600,000 tons of coal monthly till April 30, the time limits for Allied evacuation of the occupied territory had not yet begun to run, also if on March 1, Germany had not delivered the arrears of coal due, besides the full quantity due in February, France would be obliged to resort to an economic and financial embargo and reprisals.

## NOT SATISFACTORY.

BERLIN, Feb. 12. Herr Schiffer, the minister of justice, stated that the supreme state attorney is already taking steps to bring the German war criminals mentioned in the Allied extradition lists to trial before German courts according to German law.

## FLYING STUNTS.

LONDON, February 12. Cockerill's Vickersvimy, on its way to the Cape, has returned to Jebel, 200 miles south of Khartoum, owing to engine troubles.

ROME, February 12. Aleppo reports that the leading aeroplane in the Rome to Tokyo flight was badly damaged when landing in a Syrian desert. Pilots Bonalumi and Scavini are returning to Aleppo owing to the impossibility of effecting repairs.

## NATIONAL STRIKE IN SIX WEEKS.

LONDON, February 12. Mr. Hartshorn M.P., the miners' leader, declared that the issue of nationalisation will now be decided outside Parliament. He opined that a national strike will occur six weeks hence, and that the miners will hold out "until their ribs fall in."

## CIVIL AVIATION ABROAD.

## BRITAIN'S COMPETITORS.

## POINTS FOR AIRCRAFT FIRMS.

A comprehensive review of the progress of civil aviation in foreign countries, issued by the Air Ministry, clearly indicates that the United Kingdom will not lack competitors in the development of aerial transport for commercial purposes, says the Daily Telegraph. Since, with the exception of Great Britain, no country has as yet a separate Air Ministry or a department corresponding to our Civil Aviation Department, it has not been easy in the majority of instances clearly to distinguish service operations from civil enterprise, but it is apparent that in certain Allied and enemy countries enterprising firms, with the active support of their Governments, are sparing no pains to expand their businesses and to establish foreign connections.

Missions manned by service personnel have been despatched by France and Italy to foreign countries in order to inculcate a taste for products which it is hoped may be difficult to eradicate, even if the goods subsequently offered by others may be superior. Aircraft and agents have been despatched by British firms to various parts of the globe, but hitherto no official foreign missions have been despatched by the British Government owing to:

(a) A shortage of available Service personnel and a reluctance to confuse civil and Service enterprise; and (b) The traditional British policy that an industry should be left to develop, as far as possible, on its merits.

From a survey of the efforts now being made abroad, the conclusion drawn is that Britain's most serious competitors in securing an international aircraft trade are France, Italy, and Germany. Neutral countries, although generally benefiting financially, did not share in the impetus given by the war to aviation, and have on the whole made little progress in that science. Nevertheless, on the whole, compared with that made by other countries, British progress has been considerable.

Meanwhile, from experience gained, the following points are noted:

1. Missions to foreign countries of a civil character both as to personnel and machines may still prove of value. The cost in equipment and personnel of such expeditions is, however, large.
2. Propaganda is of prime necessity both at home and abroad. Apart from missions, one of the best methods of carrying it out abroad is by carefully planned and executed "demonstration" flights. There is no doubt, for instance, that the successful flight of the Atlantic both by aeroplane and airship largely increased the prestige of British aircraft. Isolated action is unlikely to be as fruitful in result as that of combined action by a number of firms.

3. It would appear that as commercial attaches are requisite for assisting British trade in foreign countries, so are air representatives of great utility in the same way. Hitherto, in order to effect economy service air attaches have been combined in their own persons the duties of Service and civil work. This plan has not always proved a success from the civil point of view, since regular officers do not necessarily possess the requisite qualities. In any case the posts of Service-air-attaché are very few in number. In instances where the Service air attaché has had commercial

experience excellent results have been obtained.

4. On occasions it may be possible for commercial attaches to assist in aviation matters in addition to their normal duties, but it must be remembered that considerable technical knowledge is essential, and that those representing the air should have flown themselves, and should be able to report not only on the progress of aviation in the country to which they are accredited, but also to advise on the type of machine most fitted for use in that country.

FRENCH ENTERPRISE. The French, says the memorandum, are fully alive to the possibilities of aviation, and are making every endeavour both to secure foreign markets and assist internal development. They have followed their usual policy for the encouragement of new industries, and have adopted the principle of subsidy. A sum of 18,000,000 francs out of a total of 37,000,000 francs voted for civil aviation this year has been earmarked for this purpose. The subsidies take the following form:

(a) Bonuses on distances flown (including flights by machines used for purely private purposes);

(b) Bonuses to pilots and crew for good work;

(c) Premium on tonnage carried;

(d) Special bonus up to 25 per cent. per annum of the total value of machines of military type immediately available in emergency for use by the State.

Various contracts for carrying mails have been granted, the principal mail routes in operation being (1) Paris-London, (2) Paris-Lille-Brussels, (3) Toulouse-Rabat. Other internal civil aviation routes are in operation, and an ambitious programme of projected routes is under preparation.

In the Near East, France is neglecting no effort to achieve aerial predominance, and military machines have been carrying civil mails on the following routes:

Athens-Salonika (weekly service);

Constantinople-Salonika (irregular);

Constantinople-Bucharest (bi-weekly);

Bucharest-Galat-Kichenef (irregular).

Apart from the Near East, energetic pioneer work is being carried out in Spain and Czechoslovakia. Missions have been despatched to the Argentine and Japan. In Japan the French have established themselves firmly, and are at present engaged in instructing Japanese officers. Amongst other missions contemplated the principal are those to Brazil, China, Finland, Greece, Peru, Poland, Rumania, Siberia, Switzerland, and Turkey.

With regard to airships, it is understood that the present policy is for the Government to supply the material for a commercial airship service, the running of which will be carried out by a company under guarantee of a fixed minimum dividend. Contracts have been invited, and tenders have already been received, for the construction of four rigid airships of approximately 3,000,000 cubic feet capacity, and for the erection of sheds at Paris, Marseilles, and in Africa. The airship line or route contemplated will probably be Paris-Marseilles and from Marseilles to Africa, and later to South America, via Dakar. It is understood that a sum sufficiently large to ensure the carrying out of this programme has already been voted.

ITALY AND AMERICA.

In Italy schemes for the organisation of internal routes have been drawn up, but owing to the present financial strain, have not yet been put into effect. By a series of long demon-

stration flights, by the despatch of missions to the Argentine, Brazil, Ecuador, Spain, and Scandinavia, and by the gift of machines to various countries, Italy is endeavouring to press her aircraft products and to obtain a footing in the countries concerned. It is intended shortly to despatch a flight of machines to Japan. Efforts are being made to form a combine to strengthen the position of the aircraft industry. The airship M.I. has been handed over to the Department of Civil Aviation, and is being flown by service personnel for propaganda purposes from Rome to Naples. A semi-rigid airship of about 1,100,000 cubic feet capacity is now under construction for the use of civil aviation. In this vessel it is believed that the Italians intend to attempt a flight from Italy to Rio de Janeiro.

An important part was played by American firms in the production of aircraft and accessories during the war, but the majority of those thus engaged have now diverted their activities to other directions. There has as yet been no great activity in the formation of private companies for the exploitation of civil aviation. The Post Office Department is conducting an aerial mail service between New York and Washington, and New York and Chicago. In California a system of forest fire patrols run by Government machines has been established.

Hitherto the United States have embarked on no foreign missions. A seaplane base, however, is being laid out at Rio de Janeiro, with the assistance of American engineers, and an unofficial mission is operating in Scandinavia. Negotiations have been completed with this country for the purchase of the rigid airship R.38, now under construction at Bedford. The British Government has agreed to train American airship personnel, and a party of officers and men will proceed to England for this purpose. A contract has been placed for the erection of an airship shed at Lakehurst, New Jersey, estimated to hold two 5,000,000 cubic feet airships. A helium production plant is also being constructed at Fort Worth, Texas.

In no other Allied country is civil aviation being developed. As regards Rumania, where the French are showing enterprise, British manufacturers are advised to make a bid both for military and civil orders. From recent information received, efforts in this direction would be sympathetically met. A request has recently been received from the Chinese Government for the assistance of a British aeronautical adviser, and it is hoped that the appointment of this official will assist British aviation. Certain concessions have already been obtained by British firms in China.

GERMANY'S EFFORTS. Of late enemy countries by far the most serious competitor (says the memorandum) is Germany. Partly to avoid the terms of the Peace Treaty, and partly to make an early bid for foreign markets, large numbers of aeroplanes and aeroplane engines have been sold at extremely low figures to Norway, Sweden, Holland, Denmark, and Switzerland, and there can be no doubt that Germany has secured a substantial footing, so far at least as the aeroplane is concerned, in neighbouring countries.

In her present endeavour to develop civilian aircraft, both airships and aeroplanes, Germany is apparently of the opinion that the leading commercial Power in the air will have the strongest reserve air force in the event of war, and Herr Euler, the President of the Imperial Air Board, has stated that the Government intend boldly to foster civil aviation. Hitherto, no

definite policy has emerged, but certain aerial mail contracts have been granted. Several passenger services have been operated more or less regularly. An airship service is carried out on alternate days between Berlin and Friedrichshafen, and it is hoped shortly to inaugurate airship routes between Berlin and Copenhagen and Christiania and Berlin and Stockholm. The Hamburg-Amerika line is particularly interested in this new means of transport, and is believed to have ordered one or more large airships. The following civil aerial policy is foreshadowed:

1. That at first Government assistance in the shape of subsidies will be necessary.

2. That existing aerodromes and material will be retained, and privately-owned aerodromes acquired by the State, thus forming a strong nucleus for civil aviation under Government support and control.

3. That a combine will be formed of all firms for working purposes, each firm to standardise a type, and all types to be approved by the Government.

4. That there will be co-operation between military and civil services.

5. That propaganda will be employed especially in the State schools.

A number of influential companies have been formed which will run regular services. Police patrols have been in existence for some time, and a network of these patrols is to be established throughout the country. In order to keep in touch with service men, an airman's union has been formed, with branches at Baden, Mannheim, Karlsruhe, Frankfurt, and other centres; and a German Air Fleet Union, somewhat similar to the German Navy League, has been formed with the object of fostering national interest in aviation.

In Spain good results have been obtained from the enterprise displayed by the British aircraft industry in sending machines to that country and from the visit of a detachment of R.A.F. machines in May. Here again foreign competition is extremely keen, and both the French and Italians are making every effort to secure the Spanish market.

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station flights, by the despatch of missions to the Argentine, Brazil, Ecuador, Spain, and Scandinavia, and by the gift of machines to various countries, Italy is endeavouring to press her aircraft products and to obtain a footing in the countries concerned. It is intended shortly to despatch a flight of machines to Japan. Efforts are being made to form a combine to strengthen the position of the aircraft industry. The airship M.I. has been handed over to the Department of Civil Aviation, and is being flown by service personnel for propaganda purposes from Rome to Naples. A semi-rigid airship of about 1,100,000 cubic feet capacity is now under construction for the use of civil aviation. In this vessel it is believed that the Italians intend to attempt a flight from Italy to Rio de Janeiro.

An important part was played by American firms in the production of aircraft and accessories during the war, but the majority of those thus engaged have now diverted their activities to other directions. There has as yet been no great activity in the formation of private companies for the exploitation of civil aviation. The Post Office Department is conducting an aerial mail service between New York and Washington, and New York and Chicago. In California a system of forest fire patrols run by Government machines has been established.

Hitherto the United States have embarked on no foreign missions. A seaplane base, however, is being laid out at Rio de Janeiro, with the assistance of American engineers, and an unofficial mission is operating in Scandinavia. Negotiations have been completed with this country for the purchase of the rigid airship R.38, now under construction at Bedford. The British Government has agreed to train American airship personnel, and a party of officers and men will proceed to England for this purpose. A contract has been placed for the erection of an airship shed at Lakehurst, New Jersey, estimated to hold two 5,000,000 cubic feet airships. A helium production plant is also being constructed at Fort Worth, Texas.

In no other Allied country is civil aviation being developed. As regards Rumania, where the French are showing enterprise, British manufacturers are advised to make a bid both for military and civil orders. From recent information received, efforts in this direction would be sympathetically met. A request has recently been received from the Chinese Government for the assistance of a British aeronautical adviser, and it is hoped that the appointment of this official will assist British aviation. Certain concessions have already been obtained by British firms in China.

GERMANY'S EFFORTS. Of late enemy countries by far the most serious competitor (says the memorandum) is Germany. Partly to avoid the terms of the Peace Treaty, and partly to make an early bid for foreign markets, large numbers of aeroplanes and aeroplane engines have been sold at extremely low figures to Norway, Sweden, Holland, Denmark, and Switzerland, and there can be no doubt that Germany has secured a substantial footing, so far at least as the aeroplane is concerned, in neighbouring countries.

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## TO-DAY'S ADVERTISEMENTS.



## IMPORTS AND EXPORTS OFFICE.

## NOTICE.

## CHINESE NEW YEAR HOLIDAYS.

THIS Department will be entirely CLOSED on FRIDAY, the 20th February, 1920. It will be open for all purposes till Noon on SATURDAY the 21st February, 1920. Licensed Warehouses will be entirely closed on those dates.

C. W. RECKWITH,  
Superintendent,  
Imports and Exports.  
Hongkong, February 17, 1920.

## BANK HOLIDAYS.

IN accordance with Ordinance No. 5 of 1912, the EXCHANGE BANKS will be CLOSED for the Transaction of Public Business on FRIDAY and SATURDAY, the 20th and 21st inst. Hongkong, February 17, 1920.

## THE HONGKONG ELECTRIC COMPANY, LIMITED.

## NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the TRANSFER BOOKS of the above named Company will be CLOSED from MONDAY, the 23rd day of February, 1920, to SATURDAY, the 28th day of February, 1920, both days inclusive. Dated this 16th day of February, 1920.

By Order of the Board,  
GIBB, LIVINGSTON & CO.,  
Agents.

## REFULSE BAY HOTEL.

WEDNESDAY, 18th February,  
Tea Dances and Dinner Dances.

FRIDAY, 20th February,  
Tea Dances and Dinner Dances.

SATURDAY, 21st February,  
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## EIGH SUNDAY.

ORCHESTRAL CONCERTS during  
Fifteen and afternoon Tea.

## NEW FRENCH LOAN 5 PER CENT 1920.

Under the Guarantee of the  
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The Loan is free of income tax and redeemable in 60 years at 150% by half-yearly drawings, the interest coupons being payable on 1st May and 1st November of each year.

Fully paid subscriptions at par. Partially paid subscriptions at 101 per cent purporting:

Fr. 25.—when subscribing,  
Fr. 25.—on the 1st of April,  
Fr. 25.—on the 15th of July,  
Fr. 25.—on the 1st of August, 1920.

M. ROUET DE JOURNEL,  
Manager,  
Hongkong, February 16, 1920.

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Price of Issue Frs. 100.

Redeemable at Frs. 150 in 60 years by half yearly drawings.

Interest payable on the 1st of May & 1st of November.

Drawings to take place on the 16th of March and the 16th of September of each year.

1st drawing on the 16th of September, 1920. 1st coupon of Frs. 3.50 to be paid on the 1st of November, 1920.

Subscriptions will be received up to the 10th of March next by the:

BANQUE DE L'INDO-CHINE,  
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A quantity of Saddles, Bridles, Horse Clothing, etc.

Terms—Cash.

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**MADRAS MARU**.....Sunday, 22nd February.  
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**ARABIA MARU**.....Wednesday, 25th February.  
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# THE CHINA MAIL EXTRA.

HONGKONG, TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 17, 1920.

## THE MARATHON RACE.

### LIST OF COMPETITORS.

The Marathon Race for the Hongkong Telegraph Cup will be run on Saturday, Feb. 21, at 3 p.m.

The following information is for competitors:—

Race Officials:—Judge: Mr. H. J. Gudge; Assistant Judges: Hon. Mr. N. J. Stubb, Messrs. F. C. Jenkins, W. Logan, A. Murdoch, Lieut. Comdr. Kingour and Lt.-Col. Crosse; Chief Umpire: Chief Preventative Officer J. C. Wilding; Starter: Major Rapson, D.S.O.

Numbers:—Each competitor will be provided with his race number in duplicate. These must be affixed to the singlet or shirt, one in front and one behind. A competitor reporting at the Starting Point without both numbers will be prohibited from taking part in the race. Any competitor not in receipt of his number by Wednesday, Feb. 18, is made responsible for reporting this fact to the Hon. Secretary of the Boxing Association and for duly procuring his duplicate numbers.

Start:—The Starting Point will be at the Statue Wharf, near the Queen Victoria Statue and Hongkong Club. On the "fall in" being sounded, competitors will line up facing East. Nos. 1 to 10 will be in the first of front row; Nos. 11 to 20 in the second row; and so on. (See list of names and numbers). This order is to be maintained at the Starting Point, even though some competitors do not turn up. That is to say, a man in the second row (Nos. 11 to 20) is not to step into a vacant place in any other row.

Course (about 11 miles):—Out: East for about 100 yards. Then to the right, past the Hongkong Club entrance and the Law Courts. Up Garden Road, past the Peak Tram Station, to the main entrance to the Public Gardens. Then to right, along Upper Albert Road, past Government House. Along Caine Road, past the University. Along Pokfulam Road to Junction of Pokfulam Road and Jubilee Road. Home: Along Jubilee Road to West Point. On reaching Tram Line, turn sharp to left. Follow Tram Line along Catchick Street to the Water Front. Keep along Water Front to Winning Post.

Winning Post:—This will be on the water front, opposite the Hongkong Club.

Conditions of Race:—1. No stopping. 2. No pacing. 3. Refreshments allowed (provided there is no breach of conditions 1 or 2). 4. Minimum clothing—singlets and shorts.

Complaints:—Complaints (if any) to be made to any Judge, Assistant Judge or Umpire. Same will be decided by the Judges and Chief Umpire at the conclusion of the race, or at such other time as the Judge may appoint.

Prizes:—Cups will be presented to the first twenty men in. Winners are required to present themselves at the foot of the Queen Victoria Statue not later than twenty minutes after the conclusion of the race.

Below is a list of competitors and numbers:—

1st Row:—1. Gunner Jumma Khan, H.K.S.B., R.G.A.; 2. Pte. Gray, Wilts.; 3. L. Stoker Faircy, "Hawkins"; 4. Pte. Thomas, Wilts.; 5. Leung Yuk Tong, South China Athletic; 6. Sepoy Shah Baz Khan, 74th Punjabis; 7. Pte. Higgins, Wilts.; 8. Sepoy Nawab Khan, 74th Punjabis; 9. Gunner Sher Khan, H.K.S.B., R.G.A.; and 10. Sepoy Nik Mohd, 74th Punjabis.

2nd Row:—11. Sepoy Karam Singh, 74th Punjabis; 12. Sepoy Mussaddil, 74th Punjabis; 13. Pte. F. Martin, Wilts.; 14. Pte. Eastmond, Wilts.; 15. Stoker O'Rourke, "Hawkins"; 16. Sergt. Scudamore, Wilts.; 17. Sepoy Bhag Singh, 74th Punjabis; 18. Pte. Day, Wilts.; 19. M. Sadick, Indian Recreation Club; and 20. Pte. Humphries, Wilts.

3rd Row:—21. Gunner Mohd Saleh, H.K.S.B., R.G.A.; 22. Sepoy Hiyat Mohd, 74th Punjabis; 23. Stoker Holyhead, "Alacrity"; 24. S.P.O. Smith, "Carlisle"; 25. A.B. Northan, "Hawkins"; 26. A.B. Johnson, "Hawkins"; 27. E.R.A. Grace, "Carlisle"; 28. O.S. Field, "Hawkins"; 29. L/Cpl. Drew, Wilts.; and 30. Stoker Howell, "Hawkins."

4th Row:—31. Pte. Scott, Wilts.; 32. Pte. Elms, Wilts.; 33. L/Cpl. Houtain, Wilts.; 34. Pte. Davey, Wilts.; 35. Pte. Skull, Wilts.; 36. Eric Carr, Jardine, Matheson & Co.; 37. Sergt. Platt, Wilts.; 38. Pte. Corbin, Wilts.; 39. Lieut. Lees, 22nd Punjabis; and 40. L/Cpl. Nye, Wilts.

5th Row:—41. G. A. Hyder, Indian Recreation Club; 42. Naick Rafan Singh, 22nd Punjabis; 43. A.B. Bailey, "Ambrose"; 44. N.B. Mohamed, Kowloon; 45. A.B. Watson, "Hawkins"; 46. Sepoy Bhatnagar Singh, 74th Punjabis; 47. Sepoy Teja Singh, 22nd Punjabis; 48. D. Laing,

Queen's College; 49. L/Cpl. Hibberd, Wilts.; and 50. S.P.O. Woods, "Carlisle."

6th Row:—51. Pte. Mayne, Wilts.; 52. Gunner Hudson, R.G.A.; 53. Pte. Bridewell, Wilts.; 54. Pte. Woodward, Wilts.; 55. Sepoy Arjan Singh, 22nd Punjabis; 56. Stoker Barry, L.15; 57. Captain Bourdillon, 22nd Punjabis; 58. Sepoy Gurbaksh Singh, 74th Punjabis; 59. L.Tel. Conway, L.9; and 60. Pte. Pearce, Wilts.

7th Row:—61. Pte. Budd, Wilts.; 62. L. Stoker Griggs, "Hawkins"; 63. L. Stoker Norris, "Hawkins"; 64. Pte. Armstead, Wilts.; 65. Sepoy Ram Singh, 74th Punjabis; 66. L. Cpl. Jackson, Wilts.; 67. Sergt. Grace, Wilts.; 68. A.B. Bird, "Hawkins"; 69. Cpl. Harris, Wilts.; and 70. Pte. Quick, Wilts.

8th Row:—71. R. M. Omar, Moxon & Taylor; 72. Gunner Nadra Singh, H.K.S.B., R.G.A.; 73. Pte. Fielding, Wilts.; 74. Elen. Taylor, "Carlisle"; 75. A.B. Frost, L.50; 76. Gunner Amar Singh, H.K.S.B., R.G.A.; 77. Cpl. Rooney, Wilts.; 78. M. Fukuichi, Mitsui Bussan Kaisha; 79. Stoker Payne, "Hawkins"; and 80. Gunner Mehar Singh, H.K.S.B., R.G.A.

9th Row:—81. Sergt. Smith, Wilts.; 82. Sergt. Gaylard, Wilts.; 83. Sepoy Joti Ram, 74th Punjabis; 84. Pte. Martin, Wilts.; 85. Gunner Mur Mohd, H.K.S.B., R.G.A.; 86. Gunner Sadhu Singh, H.K.S.B., R.G.A.; 87. Pte. Spiller, Wilts.; 88. Sepoy Mangal Singh, 74th Punjabis; 89. Sergt. Whatley, Wilts.; and 90. A.B. Whitehead, "Hawkins."

10th Row:—91. Sepoy Munsha Singh, 74th Punjabis; 92. L/Cpl. Realf, Wilts.; 93. A.S. Davis, "Alacrity"; 94. Stoker Williams, L.15; 95. Pte. Hemming, Wilts.; 96. H. W. Fraser, Hongkong Police; 97. L/Cpl. Britten, Wilts.; 98. Stoker Smith, "Hawkins"; 99. Inspector R. R. Wood, Sanitary Board; and 100. Pte. Davidson, Wilts.

11th Row:—101. Boy Coles, "Hawkins"; 102. O.S. Colgate, "Hawkins"; 103. Sepoy Feroz Khan, 74th Punjabis; 104. Stoker Wills, "Hawkins"; 105. Bugler Amar Singh, 74th Punjabis; 106. Stoker Marsh, "Hawkins"; 107. A.B. Evans, "Hawkins"; 108. Hung Kum Sang, Queen's College; 109. Gunner Lal Khan, H.K.S.B., R.G.A.; and 110. Pte. Carter, Wilts.

12th Row:—111. Inspector Old Sanitary Board; 112. J. Marshall, Loxley and Co.; 113. A.B. Boorman, "Hawkins"; 114. Stoker Jolley, "Hawkins"; 115. Pte. Benke, Wilts.; 116. Pte. Hardy, Wilts.; 117. W. Neak, Kowloon Docks; 118. A.B. Russell, "Hawkins"; 119. Pte. H. S. Smith, Wilts.; 120. A.B. Ford, "Hawkins."

13th Row:—121. Gunner Jahan Khan, H.K.S.B., R.G.A.; 122. Sepoy Mahbub Khan, 74th Punjabis; 123. Gunner Nizam Din, H.K.S.B., R.G.A.; 124. Havildar Rur Singh, H.K.S.B., R.G.A.; 125. Gunner Karim Bukhsh, H.K.S.B., R.G.A.; 126. Pte. Rogers, Wilts.; 127. Pte. King, Wilts.; 128. A/Nk. Ghulam Mohd, H.K.S.B., R.G.A.; 129. Cpl. Norman, Wilts.; and 130. Stoker Walters, "Hawkins."

14th Row:—131. A.B. Dubock, L.15; 132. Pte. Ward, Wilts.; 133. Pte. Musk, Wilts.; 134. Lieut. Dale, H.K.S.B., R.G.A.; 135. B. A. Hyder, Indian Recreation Club; 136. Pte. Tissier, Wilts.; 137. Sepoy Daul Singh, 74th Punjabis; 138. Lieut. Beaven, Wilts.; 139. Gunner Hasham Ali, H.K.S.B., R.G.A.; and 140. O.S. Willoughby, "Hawkins."

15th Row:—141. Lieut. Dodding, Wilts.; 142. Gunner Takar Singh, H.K.S.B., R.G.A.; and 143. Sepoy Hazara Singh, 22nd Punjabis.

## NEWS FROM HONGKONG UNIVERSITY.

The holidays for Chinese New Year started at the University last Friday. Lectures will be resumed on Tuesday 24th. As most of the students come from distant parts of China and the Straits, they are unable to leave the city for the short holidays; but they are preparing for a good time in their different hostels.

Mr. Milnes, lecturer in Mathematics, and Professor Lorence, lecturer in Physics, arrived last week from England.

Some of the teachers who have not been at home since the war are expecting to leave at the end of March.

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## ARMA VIRUMQUE.

The arrival of the s.s. "Empress of Russia," from America, yesterday was productive of several arms and ammunition prosecutions before Mr. J. R. Wood, this morning.

A Chinese passenger who had lived for some fifteen years in America where he carried on the business of a silk merchant, was charged with the possession of two revolvers which were found tied round his waist. He said he had the weapons all the time he lived in America, and was taking them with him back to his home in Heungshan.

His Worship imposed a fine of \$250 and ordered the revolvers to be confiscated.

Another man who was charged with the possession of 750 rounds of Winchester and automatic revolver ammunition, some of which were found concealed in a safety lamp, and some in boxes of raisins, pleaded guilty and offered no excuse.

He was fined \$500, and told the magistrate he would rather go to jail as the fine was too heavy.

Mr. A. E. Hall defended a third man, also a passenger on the Empress liner, who was charged with the possession of four revolvers and 600 rounds of ammunition. Counsel pleaded guilty on his client's behalf, but pleaded for leniency. He said that his client was a student who had only yesterday arrived from Vancouver. He was entirely ignorant of local regulations and brought the weapons with him on his way to his home in Sunning. Life and property are not at all safe in Sunning and the weapons were meant for use against robbers. Counsel submitted that it was quite obvious that his client was not of the armed robber type.

A fine of \$750 was imposed and the weapons confiscated.

A fourth Chinese, a boarding house runner, was charged with the possession of a revolver and 90 rounds of ammunition. The Police said that when searched, the revolver was found concealed in the defendant's girdle, whilst the ammunition was found in the various pockets of his clothing, carefully wrapped up in cigarette packets.

The defendant said that the things were given him by a passenger on board the Empress liner.

His Worship passed sentences of two months' hard labour.

## ST. JOHN'S CATHEDRAL, HONGKONG.

LENT 1920.

Ash Wednesday, Feb. 18:—7.45 a.m., Holy Communion; 10.30 a.m., Matins and Litany; 11.00 a.m., Holy Communion; 6.30 p.m., Evensong, Communion Service and address. Matins is said at 10.15 a.m., on Mondays, Tuesdays, Fridays and Saturdays.

Evensong, with a Devotional Reading, will be said on Wednesdays at 6.30 p.m.

On Thursdays there will be Holy Communion at 7.45 a.m.

Lenten self-denial offerings may be put into the box marked for that purpose at the west door and will be given to the Society for providing Homes for Waifs and Strays.

There is Holy Communion every Sunday at 7.50 a.m., on the first and third Sundays in the month at noon, on the second and fourth Sundays at 7 a.m.

Matins is at 11 a.m. and Evensong at 6 p.m. every Sunday. There is a Children's Service on the first and third Sundays in the month at 10 a.m.

Preachers on the Sundays in Lent will be as follows:—

Feb. 22.—Matins: The Lord Bishop, Subject: A godly, righteous, and sober life in Hongkong at the present day. Evensong, Rev. B. Pym, R.N., Subject: Prayer.

Feb. 29.—Matins, Rev. A. J. S. Stearn, Subject: First or Seventh. Evensong, Rev. G. B. Statt, R.N., Subject: Righteousness.

March 7.—Matins, Rev. G. T. Waldegrave, Subject: The More Excellent Way. Evensong, Rev. G. B. Statt, R.N., Subject: Righteousness.

March 14.—Matins, Rev. A. D. Stewart, Subject: The Joy set before Him. Evensong, Rev. H. Copley Moyle, Subject: Memory.

March 21.—Matins, The Lord Bishop, Subject: A godly, righteous, and sober life in Hongkong at the present day. Evensong, Rev. H. Copley Moyle, Subject: Death, the Great Adventure.

March 28.—Matins, The Lord Bishop, Subject: A godly, righteous, and sober life in Hongkong at the present day. Evensong, Rev. H. Copley Moyle, Subject: Death, the Great Adventure.

All seats are free at Evensong.



## DIOCESAN GIRLS' SCHOOL.

## ANNUAL DISTRIBUTION OF PRIZES.

The annual distribution of prizes to the students of the Diocesan Girls' School was held this morning in the school premises at Kowloon when there was a large gathering present.

The pupils entertained the audience with several songs, which were well rendered after which Miss Skipton, the Head-Mistress, read the annual report, which was as follows:

The total enrolment for the past year was 49 boarders and 149 day scholars. The highest attendance was 152, in October, which was a record. The results of the annual examination held by the Hongkong University showed that three seniors and two juniors passed, one with distinction in Scripture and another in English. Thirty pupils secured pass certificates and twenty others honours certificates, in the competition held under the auspices of the Royal Drawing Society. In the shorthand examination, one pupil won a speed certificate. Thanks were due to the following:—Mr. and Mrs. Stabb and some friends to whose kindness was due the bathing party; Mr. Moorhead and Mr. Thorne for a generous donation towards the expenses. Mr. A. Beale, for making the arrangements, Inspector Gordon for allowing the use of the Police Pier, the Commander of the "Tamar" and Sergt. Francis for swimming instruction. For treats and presents, we have to thank Mr. Matthews, Mr. Ponsonby Fane, Capt. Wood, Capt. Lossius, Mrs. Stabb, Mrs. Johnstone, Mr. Vesona, Mrs. Taggart, Mr. Lauritsen and Mr. Robertson, of the Star Ferry Company, Mrs. Bunje, and Mrs. Leung Yan Po. Thanks were due to Drs. Smalley, Harston, Beale, Kew (for medical attention) Messrs. Watson and Company (for medicines at reduced rates), the Dairy Farm, the manager of the "Coronet" (for cinematograph show), the Standard Oil Company and friends at Lai Chi Kok, the kind donors of prizes, namely Mr. Compton, Prof. Danenberg, Miss Ferguson, Mr. Grosse, Mr. Ho Fook, Mrs. Lee, Mr. Lo Cheng Shui, Mrs. H. K. Lo, Mr. Wong Kam-fuk, Mr. and Mrs. Ho Wing, Mrs. Li Ping, the Trustees of Mr. Chan Kai Ming. We had a great loss in the death of Mr. Chan Kai-ming, who was not only a benefactor to the School but also one of our parents, so we felt the loss as a personal one and we sorrowed with his family. Another event which casts a shadow over us just now is Miss May Poon Why's departure for a well-earned holiday. She has done splendid work amongst the keenly. But one cause of great rejoicing is that after two prize-givings we have with us our own clergyman and our own Secretary once again. We already feel that Mr. and Mrs. Lindsay belong to us and we hope they will be more and more part of the School. Of the impending loss of the Bishop and Mrs. Lander, I do not feel I dare speak. To his energy and hard work, we owe this site and building, and I hope that his portrait in this room will commemorate in a small way all he has done for the School. In conclusion, I should like to say with reference to many kind things that are said of the School, that no-one but those "in the know" can tell how much work goes to the running of a School. As I go to prize-givings I hear the members of the various Staffs praised and thanked, and I think to myself that no School has such a hardworking staff as I have; they are so keen and interested: it is not only in School, but as much out of School that their educating work is carried on. I know that the parents appreciate this and they well may, and I would ask them, especially the parents of day scholars, to co-operate more by sending the children, regularly and punctually, and not letting amusements and late hours interfere quite so much with school work.

The Bishop of Victoria who acted as chairman, congratulated the students on the entertainment they had provided them this morning. They were always sure of hearing good singing at that school and they appreciated the services the school had rendered on one occasion to St. John's Cathedral by providing a choir. He wished to tell the girls that they had a great future before them. Girls and Women were coming into their own. They had a lady member of Parliament and perhaps in the days to come a lady Prime minister. One of these days they might also have a lady Bishop (laughter). The women had shown that they could do things just as men could and he advised the students to always continue to do the very best they were able to do whether in school or in the play ground. They should work hard and play hard. Above all they should try to learn how to become good wives and mothers and make their homes happy. They must learn how to manage a home and to make it bright and comfortable. He believed that in that school they were being taught how to make a good house and how to be good wives and mothers. He also wished to take that opportunity of thanking Miss Skipton for all she had done for the School for so many years. It was a

great thing in those days to get a B. A. of Cambridge to come and take charge of a new School which had to be opened in inadequate premises and with uncertain funds. There were few ladies better qualified than her and she was very good enough to come and remain with the school through all its vicissitudes. She battled on bravely and brought the school to what it was now. That was due to energy and hard work and the splendid co-operation of the ladies who shared the work with her. (Applause). He was glad to inform Miss Skipton that she was going to obtain some relief as the Committee were able to secure the services of three accomplished ladies through the efforts of Mrs. Pope. He thought the ladies were on their way now. They were glad they had in that school a Committee who had real interest in it. In all the years that had passed the Committee had encouraged them by looking at the bright side of things and their work had progressed, thanks to their friend Mr. Compton, through whose optimism they were able to secure that fine building, although they had no money at the time. (Applause.) He congratulated the school on having their resident secretary and Chaplain the Rev. G. R. Lindsay, who had taken a keen interest in the school since his arrival. (Applause.) He felt that they ought not to be satisfied with the measure of success attained. They must aspire to many higher and better things, especially in the equipment and staffing of the school. If education was anything it was a matter of paramount importance and with the place the ladies were taking in the world's affairs to-day, they would see how important it was to have adequate and proper training. The training in the school was based in religious character. His own feeling was that the time had come when the ladies who had devoted their lives to the work of teaching should be much more adequately paid. They could not expect to have a good staff at the salaries they had thought sufficient in the past. They must have bigger stipends and he hoped the Government would give them bigger grants, for education was just as important a matter as making good roads, in fact, more important. They did not want to charge parents increased fees, but they would have to if no money were forthcoming. They could not do better than to give their children the best education they could. The teachers must be provided with better quarters, more leisure and more of the joys of life. They must do all they could to make their lives happy so that they would be able to work better and obtain better results. It was important to train the bodies of the girls as well as their minds and for that purpose he hoped some generous donors would provide a gymnasium to be attached to the school. It would be a good thing for the girls to take gymnastic exercises. He commended to the parents and friends of the school that they should not be satisfied with the conditions prevailing but should look forward to better days, have a better place, a bigger staff and to pay that staff good wages. (Applause). The Bishop next introduced Mrs. Lander whom he said he knew fairly well and who had many good points (laughter).

Mrs. Lander next distributed the prizes to the students.

At the conclusion the Rev. G. R. Lindsay proposed a vote of thanks to the Bishop and Mrs. Lander. He was very sorry they were going away as he knew how much they had done for the School (Applause). They had given long service for the Colony and he hoped God's blessing would rest on them at Home (Applause).

The Bishop, in returning thanks, said that perhaps the call of the East, might bring him back some years hence and he then hoped to see the school in more commodious buildings and taking a premier place in education in the Far East (Applause).

A coal truck jumped the points leading to a siding just outside the Kowloon station of K. C. R. this morning.

A Chinese who was charged with attempting to export \$9 worth of 10-cent pieces, pleaded that he did not know local regulations. Mr. Smith ordered the money to be confiscated.

Before Mr. N. L. Smith this morning, a Chinese was sentenced to three months' hard labour on a charge of snatching a hand bag containing \$1 and a Ferry ticket, from Miss Lucy Goodridge of No. 5 Cameron Villas, Kowloon yesterday.

Before Mr. J. R. Wood this afternoon, an enquiry was held into the circumstances attending the recent disastrous fire which broke out in some rice godowns at Kennedy Town. Mr. Davidson appeared for the Insurance Companies and Mr. Turner for the South China Commercial Company in whose godown the fire originated. Mr. M. K. Lo watched the proceedings on behalf of the tenant of No. 27 Praya West, one of the gutted houses. Evidence was being taken as we went to press.

## ARMED ROBBERS.

Two of the three men who, as reported in yesterday's *China Mail*, were arrested after they had, with three others, not in custody, committed an armed robbery on a cargo junk in Yaumati bay, at 3.30 a.m., on Sunday, were this morning charged before Mr. J. R. Wood.

Inspector Gordon informed his Worship that the other man was in hospital as a result of the thumping he had received from the boatpeople, and would not be able to be discharged for another week at least.

Outlining the case, the Inspector said that the defendants and three other men who are not in custody, hired a small boat and rowed off to the junk which was lying off the M.B.K., coal godowns in the Yaumati bay shelter, amongst other junks. Making fast at the stern of the junk, the robbers, who were armed with knives, boarded the vessel, and taking the people on board by surprise, they bound and gagged them. The master and his wife were the only two who offered any resistance. The woman was stabbed on the leg, hand and forehead, whilst the boat master was wounded near the heart. Both of them are out of danger, and are expected to recover. After binding the boat people, the robbers ransacked the vessel and stole a large quantity of clothing and jewellery valued at \$808. As they were about to depart, the boat master's wife managed to remove her gag, and putting her head out of a window called out "save life." In their hurry to push off, the robbers capsized the rowing boat and all fell into the water. The people in the neighbouring junks were awakened by the woman's cries and fished three of the men out of the water. They were severely handled by the boat people and then handed over to two Chinese detectives who happened to be in the vicinity and were attracted by the cries of the woman. In the looted junk were found a large chopper and a quantity of gags and wire. The Inspector said he did not know what happened to the other two men, but the fact that some of the stolen jewellery was recovered from a pawnshop on Sunday afternoon, made it certain that they were not all drowned. At least one of them must be at large.

One the application of the Inspector, his Worship formally remanded the prisoners until to-morrow morning. Four men, one in European costume, were then charged with being concerned in the armed robbery at the gold smelters' shop at No. 178, Canton Road, Yaumati at 8 p.m., on Sunday, and theft of a quantity of clothing and melted gold valued at \$80. The defendants pleaded not guilty.

Sergt. Ogg said the robbers broke open the door of the shop and entered the premises. They produced revolvers and knives and driving the master and his *fokis* into the kitchen, they bound and gagged them, and then bolting the kitchen door, they ransacked the place and took away everything they could lay their hands on. The robbers made good their escape that night. On the following morning, witness made investigations, and as the result of certain information received, he went to No. 4 Reclamation Street with a search warrant. In a cap hanging from a nail above No. 1's bed, witness found the shop master's watch and a couple of gold mounted rattan bangles. Witness arrested him. Acting on other information, witness went to No. 88 Canton Road where he arrested the second and third defendants, in whose cubicle the melted gold and some articles of jewellery and clothing were found. Later in the day, witness arrested the fourth defendant in a house in Reclamation Street. None of the loot was found in this house, but a large quantity of gags and wire was discovered. Witness then held an identification parade, and the first defendant was not identified by the shop people at all. All the witnesses identified the second defendant however, whilst the other two men were each identified by a *foki* of the shop. The prisoners were remanded until Thursday.

## HONGKONG-MACAO.

## JOHNSON'S SUCCESSFUL TRIP.

Mr. Johnson has accomplished his aerial voyage successfully despite the Hongkong Government and foggy weather. This was made known by a cable received by Commodore Louis D. Beaumont, president of the commission organising the first Aerial Derby around the world, which reads as follows:—"Hongkong to Macao via Curtiss Seagull flying boat in twenty-three minutes. Very foggy. First flying boat to fly in China—Robert Johnson."

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San Francisco via Shanghai, Japan, &c.	Nile	China Mail S.S. Co. Ltd.	On 8th March.
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San Francisco via Shanghai, Japan, &c.	Shantung	Shantung	On 24th Mar.
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Consumption of water in the City and Hill District in millions and decimals of gallons during the month of January.

	1919	1920
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Consumption of water in Kowloon in millions and decimals of gallons during the month of January.

	1919	1920
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## HARBOUR BRAWL AT YOKOHAMA.

## JAPANESE MURDERED. ATTEMPTED BOYCOTT OF AMERICANS.

What started as a boycott against the American Shipping Board vessels being operated by the Admiral Line by certain of the Lightermen of Yokohama ended in murder on Jan. 31, preceded by the descent of a gang of rowdies upon the str. "Lake Gitano," the crushing of an independent lighter, the cutting adrift of a number of other independent lighters, the serious beating up of one of the American mates of the vessel and a near assault with intent to kill upon Mr. John M. Laffin, manager of the American Lightering firm of the Pacific Stevedoring & Landing Company. The man murdered was one of Mr. Tomoye's employees, a Japanese, who was visited at his home by armed men and put to death, evidently for refusing to join in the boycott.

POLICE PROTECTION DEMANDED. Immediately following this outbreak of lawlessness, Captain Johnson of the "Lake Gitano" called upon Consul-General Scidmore, of the American Consulate-General, who thereupon issued a demand upon the Japanese authorities for adequate police protection for the American shipping and for the Japanese employed in lightering and discharging the American cargoes.

In the afternoon, representatives of the Admiral Line and of Struthers & Dixon presented the facts of the case before Ambassador Morris, who is taking appropriate action.

## AFFAIR BREWING FOR SOME TIME.

The affair has been brewing for some time, especially since on one day recently there were seven Admiral Line ships in the Yokohama harbour at one time and the amount of the lighterage business to be done was easily apparent. In anticipation of the greatly increased business coming through the increasing number of United States Shipping Board vessels on the Japanese run, an independent lighterage company, known as the Pacific Stevedoring & Landing Company, was organized by Yokohama Americans, with American capital, and to this new firm has been going a great bulk of the American business.

This has far from pleased the older lighterage companies, amalgamated into the Lightermen's Guild, with the result that there has been increasing friction. The Pacific Stevedoring Company has been using guild lighters, under charter, and of late their work on various pretexts, according to a spokesman for the Admiral Line, or, after tying up alongside of vessels to be discharged, would be towed away before fully loaded and scattered with their freight contents all over the harbour.

Attempts to secure better treatment went on during the greater part of the week and various promises of better service were given, only to be unfulfilled. Some of the so-called "higher-ups" of the guild interviewed the Admiral Line and Struthers & Dixon managements, notifying them that if the lighterage business were to be given to firms they named, the trouble would cease.

MR. LAFFIN'S STORY. Mr. J. M. Laffin made the following statement to the Japan Advertiser:

## HONGKONG CORINTHIAN YACHT CLUB.

## THE LOAN TO CHINA.

The final races for the Championship in the Handicap and One Design, Heyward Hays, and Gael Classes were sailed on Sunday 15th inst. In the Handicap and One Design Class the points are—Rolla 33, Daphne 33, Ailsa 30 Bonito 20.

A final race has therefore to be sailed between Rolla and Daphne. In the Heyward Hays Class the Championship goes to Ursula with 32 points, Sirius having 27 and Dawn 16.

The Championship in the Gael goes to Joan with 25 points, Gael having 14, Toinette 12, and Theda 3. The Cruisers have still to sail their final race. This should have been decided on February 8, but one of the boats finished within the time limit.

"On Friday we were able to work at discharging the 'Lake Gitano' without interference but on Saturday morning at 7 o'clock, when I went aboard the ship with six Japanese, a tug belonging to the Lightermen's Guild came out, towing a number of our barges, some of which were half filled from the day previous. They did not come alongside and one of our tugs drew up to them and, after a conversation which I did not hear, but presume was an agreement to tow the lighters back to the habo, our tug took the lighters in tow and attempted to bring them alongside the ship.

The Lightermen's tug then ran between the lighters and the ship and prevented this, while those on board attacked the men on our tug. Their launch drifted alongside the 'Lake Gitano' and a mob of ruffians, probably 50 in number, boarded the steamer, armed with clubs and knives.

"One of our men standing near where they were coming aboard, was attacked without warning and badly beaten. I was standing on the after hatch cover talking to the second mate when one of the rowdies came up behind me and struck me a blow with a club. The mate called to me and I turned, just in time to escape me with a knife. They managed to get several lusty blows on my head which stunned me, and then turned their attention to the officer, assaulting him with clubs and knives, leaving him bleeding and unconscious on the deck.

"During the row the rowdies refused to allow our coolies to come aboard, but when they had disposed of us, they ordered them aboard, made them open the hatches and swing the booms out. They then told them to knock off work."

"After driving the men on board ashore they proceeded to the home of Mr. Tomoye, who furnishes lighter for Mr. Laffin. They wrecked the building and killed one of his employees.

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## EARLIER TELEGRAMS.

(Reuter's Service to the China Mail.)

## THE LOAN TO CHINA.

New York, February 10th. A representative of Pierpoint Morgan & Co. departed on February 12th for China representing the American group of the Chinese Consortium which consists of groups of British, American, French and Japanese bankers. He goes first to Japan where he will see members of the Japanese group concerning reservations which, it is understood, they desire to make regarding certain portions of China in which Japan claims particular interests.

## NO CHINESE FOR BRITISH SHIPS.

London, February 9th. A mass meeting of seamen at Cardiff unanimously passed a resolution in support of their Union action to abolish Chinese crew on British ships. Captain Tupper said the Seamen's Union was determined to put an end to the manning of British ships with Chinese to the detriment of Britons. There were good shipowners who realised their responsibilities to the men. The Union was going to call "Stop" to unfair shipowners, and allow the other shipowners to have the trade.

## FAR EASTERN CABLE NEWS.

(BY COURTESY "HONGKONG DAILY PRESS.")

## THE KIAOCHOW QUESTION—EXTRAORDINARY SITUATION.

Peking, February 15th. An extraordinary situation is developing in regard to the question of whether China should accept Japan's invitation to negotiate concerning the retrocession of Kiaochow.

The pro-Japanese militarists are getting behind the Government and discussing terms with unofficial Japanese.

Lu Tseng-hsiang has declined to assume the duties of Foreign Minister and has removed from his official residence, while Chen Lu, the vice-minister, has discreetly and secretly left Peking for Tientsin and declines to return, although the President has sent a special representative to dissuade him from retiring.

This creates an interesting situation. No one is anxious to assume the office and undertake the responsibility or incur the obligation of directly negotiating with Japan relative to Kiaochow.

The situation is further complicated because the loan of five millions from America, Great Britain, France and Japan is being negotiated through the Waikhaopu and the transaction cannot be completed in the absence of responsible officials.

Consideration prevails at Peking, as there is no money in sight to enable the Government to meet the New Year obligations.

## WATERHOUSE DISPATCHES.

Seattle's third regular trans-Pacific steamship service under direction of the United States Shipping Board was started when the 10,000-ton steamship "Stanley" sailed from that port with 8,500 tons of cargo for the Orient. This is the first vessel in the trans-Pacific trade to be operated for the Shipping Board by Frank Waterhouse & Co., of Seattle.

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As the second vessel in the Waterhouse company's new Shipping Board service between Seattle and the Orient, the 9,400-ton steamship "Maquan" with a full cargo left Seattle on January 20.

For the February sailing in the new service the Shipping Board has assigned the 8,800-ton steamship "West Ivan." Other vessels will be assigned for March and April sailings.

The 7,500-ton steamship "Delight" operated and managed by the Waterhouse concern for the Shipping Board as an extra vessel in trans-Pacific trade is now in the Orient, after discharging a part cargo of rifles and munitions for the Russian Mission of Ways and Means at Vladivostok.

The Shipping Board is planning to place in operation between Seattle and Oriental ports at least four passenger and freight vessels that will have a speed of 17 knots an hour. These will be capable of carrying something like 7,500 tons of freight and several hundred passengers. It is expected these craft will be placed on the run sometime in the summer of 1920. They will be operated on a regular schedule and are expected to be an important adjunct to the present trans-Pacific passenger services.

## THE FLU.

Influenza is not a "notifiable" disease. Ought it to be? Some people think so, but the difficulties in the way of making it so are real.

The point is brought up just now with painful force. Last week there were 21 deaths certified as due to influenza—one British, one Malay, and 19 Chinese. People are sneezing and spitting all over the place, the weather is the worst possible in this connection, and the doctors of the town are too busy to give every case proper attention. Avoid crowds. Don't neglect that cold. Go home early, and stay there. Keep cheerful. Reading the China Mail helps.

## REPULSE BAY ATTRACTIONS.

Every Sunday, orchestral concerts of classical music are to be held during lunch time and afternoon tea (from 4 p.m.) at the Repulse Bay Hotel. Last Sunday at Repulse Bay there were over one hundred and sixty people present at the afternoon concert, and the type of music rendered was evidently much appreciated from the fact that every item was enthusiastically received. These Sunday afternoon concerts are becoming increasingly popular at Repulse Bay, as also are the regular Saturday evening dances, and notwithstanding the inclemency of the weather on Saturday last, the Hotel was packed for the dinner dances.

## CRICKET.

H.K.C.C. v. UNITED SERVICES.

The following will represent the Club in this match on Friday and Saturday, February 20 and 21, play commencing at 10.30 a.m. sharp each day—H. R. B. Hancock (Capt.), C. Blaker, H. A. Brand, E. W. Day, D. R. Donnelly, E. W. Hamilton, E. J. Mitchell, T. F. Pearce, E. B. Reed, G. R. Sayer and F. Sutton.

H.K.C.C. v. KOWLOON.

The following will play for the Club against Kowloon on Friday, February 20, play commencing at 10.30 a.m. sharp—A. B. Raworth (Capt.), C. Brown, A. Burnie, A. H. K. Cobb, P. Jacks, A. K. Mackenzie, W. W. Mackenzie, C. W. Martyn, Capt. H. E. Murray, D. Reid and C. C. Stark.

## HOCKEY.

The following will represent the Club against 22nd Punjabis at U.S.R.C. on Wednesday 18th inst. at 5 p.m.—J. P. Jones, W. W. Mackenzie, C. C. Hickling, E. J. R. Mitchell, Rev. E. W. L. Martin, G. H. Piercy, R. A. Brand, E. L. Sim, W. H. Edmonds, J. V. Braga and B. D. Evans (Capt.).

## LOCAL AND GENERAL.

The Hongkong Boxing Association specially requests that motorists will not use the route over which the Marathon race is being run between 3 p.m. and 4.30 p.m. on Saturday next.

Last week's notifiable disease was two cases of c.s. fever. In the subsequent 48 hours there were two cases of diphtheria, one British. There were 2 deaths from influenza, referred to elsewhere.

A favorite has just received another consignment of exquisite summer hats in the latest styles and colours by the a.s. "Empress of Russia." In the consignment there are also flowers and ribbons. These are now on view at 9, Beaconsfield Arcade.

Messrs. Sincere and Co., announce that for the convenience of patrons doing Chinese New Year shopping, their premises will be open up to 10 p.m. this evening, 11 p.m. to-morrow evening and midnight on New Year's eve (Thursday).

## CORRESPONDENCE.

OUR ANGRY CORRESPONDENTS.

[To the Editor of the China Mail.]

Sir,—Yesterday evening one of the lads who has entered for Saturday's Marathon race was taking a run near Leighton Hill Road by way of training. A large dog chased him and was about to bite him, when, in self defence, the lad kicked the dog. Seeing this, the owner of the dog, a European, large enough and strong enough to hit three like the lad, chased him with the intention of hitting him. The boy was, fortunately for him, speedy enough to run away from the infuriated owner.

It was the owner's business to call away his dog, and the man acted like a cad when he chased the lad to hit him for doing what he (the owner) would have done under similar circumstances. If this should catch the eye of that man, he will learn that his action, if repeated, will gain for himself the business end of a whip from a man smaller than himself.

It is a pity that a white man should have so acted.

Yours faithfully,

VIMY.

Hongkong, Feb. 16, 1920.

## AMONG THE GREAT.

The new "Who's Who," printed on thin paper, in small type, is three and a half inches thick, and contains over 30,000 biographies. It costs 40s. in this the 72nd year of issue.

Eighteen years ago it was about two inches thick, and cost 5s. But that was before the war, and it was also before the day of the C.B.E. Just how many pages are devoted to O.B.E.s the Daily News with one eye on the clock and the other on Professor Porta, had no time to count, but this portion of the volume may fairly be described as a bit thick. Two or three more elections, another war, something fresh in the way of Orders, and "Who's Who" will be delivered in a series of volumes, complete with ornamental bookcase, carriage forward by Carter, Paterson.

As usual this invaluable reference book is up-to-date, and omissions that matter are surprisingly few. One notices, however, while Capt. Sir John Acock and his Atlantic flight are duly noted, Hawker's name is absent. Incidentally one learns that woodwork, carpentry, wood-chopping and carving are among the pastimes of the blue-blooded, that a remarkable number of clergymen go in for outdoor sports, and that with quite a number of outdoor men chess is a favourite recreation.

## MISHAP TO MOTOR SHIP.

The motorship Tanjong Rhu, Capt. Lewes, en route to Christmas Island and Australia, entered Anjer on Feb. 2 owing to a leakage. The water was about three feet in the after hold of the ship. She has discharged her mail and cargo of cement, and the Captain is awaiting orders from Singapore. Some weeks ago it was reported that the vessel, which is one of the motor-ships built in Singapore, had been delayed through engine trouble while on her maiden voyage to Australia. Apparently the mishap referred to is an additional one.

## BASKET BALL.

OPEN LEAGUE TO BE FORMED.

The Committee of the Hongkong Basket Ball League at their meeting yesterday at the University decided to form an Open League. Any institution or Basket Ball Club in the Colony may enter. Entries close on Wednesday, the 25th of this month, and play will commence on March 1. The matches will be played in the evenings at the Y.M.C.A. Gymnasium. Application for entrance to the League should be forwarded with the fee of \$5 to Mr. J. L. McPherson, at the Chinese Y.M.C.A.

## ROYAL HONGKONG GOLF CLUB.

LADIES' SECTION.

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## ADVANTAGES OF IGNORANCE.

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knowledge, but like Mithras's History of France, it was not always written in a style in which truth could be told—(laughter)—so that it was difficult to compute the amount of inaccurate knowledge, unattested assertion, extravagant hypothesis, and sloppy thinking put into circulation every day of the year. He was completely reluctant to believe that unless serious efforts were made to impart a little more, rigour and exactitude in the modes of thought and expression employed in the Press, a good deal of injury would be done to the intellectual sincerity of the nation. Over and over again one became conscious that truth had become almost a secondary consideration in the conduct of a newspaper.

VIRTUES OF A HEADLINE.

Unfortunately the stimulus supplied by the daily Press, so far from helping them to resist the fog, only increased its density. Let them not, however, exaggerate the case against the Press. Occasionally a gleam of scientific humility shone even in a headline. Recently he was delighted with the encouraging announcement "Milk may be cheaper," not an imperative "Milk must be cheaper," not an assertion of fact, "Milk might be cheaper," not a confident prediction, "Milk will be cheaper," not a truism, "Liberalism means cheap milk," (laughter)—not a paradox "The Government desires cheap milk," but a simple descriptive subjunctive, "Milk may be cheaper." (Laughter.) So it might, so it might not. In either event the newspaper stood to win, and smiled serenely with the triple crown of modesty, prudence and truth. (Laughter.) The best corrective to wild, vague talk of an explosive kind was a little cool, disinterested criticism, and the spread of that intellectual atmosphere which, for want of a better word, we called scientific. War was almost always the result of ignorance in a very high state of culture. Wars arose out of ignorance, and followed by ignorance. Most of the intellectual work of the world proceeded from the middle class, the class which attached value to culture. (Hear, hear.) But this class was now crippled with war taxes and war prices, and how was it to obtain for its children the type of education which the most intelligent parent should desire. His impression was that their hope lay in the development of State-aided schools under the new Education Act. (Cheers.)

A GOOD STORY.

Mr. Birrell, in proposing a vote of thanks to Mr. Fisher, said the address was one of the highest specimens of ironical treatment he had ever heard.

Mr. Fisher, in reply, told a good story against himself. Like every body else, he said, he had had his house sold over his head, and had migrated to a new part of London. He sent his servant to order a morning paper, and when the servant gave him the name, the vendor said: "What! him as wants to stop the morning delivery; a fat lot he wants with newspapers." (Laughter.)

"WALLA WALLA" MOTOR boats are built for your service.

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HONGKONG, 17th FEBRUARY, 1920.

## OFFICIAL QUOTATIONS.

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Gongkong Bank, ... \$300 b.

## MAKING INVESTMENTS.

Canton Ins. ... \$350 n.

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Yangtze Ins. ... \$280 n.

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## FIRE INSURANCE.

China Fire Ins. ... \$138 n.

Hongkong Fire Ins. ... \$303 n.

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Donghai ... \$89 s.

H.K. Steamboat ... \$50 n. ex div.

Indo-China (Prof.) ... \$20 n.

Do. (Def.) ... \$20 n.

Shanghai ... \$20 n.

Star Transport ... \$20 n.

Star Ferries ... \$29 n.

## REVENUE.

China Sugar ... \$201 n.

Malacca Sugar ... \$47 s. cum div.

## MINING.

Kailash Mining Adm. ... \$40 s.

Langkats ... \$13 b.

Shanghai Loans ... \$11 b.

Shanghai Exploration ... \$11 b.

Ranch ... \$11 b.

Tonghai Mines ... \$40 b.

Ural Caspian ... \$20 b.

## DOCKS, WHARVES, GODOWNS, &amp;c.

H. &amp; K. Wharves ... \$181 b. 81 s.

H. &amp; W. Docks ... \$148 n.

Shal Docks ... \$108 n.

New Engineering ... \$273 b.

## LIMES, HORNS &amp; BUILDINGS.

Central Estates ... \$107 s.

Hongkong Hotels ... \$115 n.

Hongkong Lands ... \$108 n.

Humphreys ... \$72 n.

Kowloon Lands ... \$50 n.

Land Reclamations ... \$133 n.

West Point ... \$38 n.

## COTTON MILLS.

Ewo Cottons ... \$493 b.

Kong Yik ... \$43 b.

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Oriental ... \$280 b.

Shanghai Cottons ... \$310 b.

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## MISCELLANEOUS.

Cements ... \$8.40 b.

China-Borneo ... \$17 n.

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Dairy Farms ... \$20 b. 28 s.

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Macao Lbs. ... \$34 n.

Hongkong Hops ... \$37 s.

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do. (New) ... \$50 n.

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## OTHER BRANCHES:

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Hongkong, February 17, 1920.

On London ... 5-7

On demand ... 5-7

30 days sight ... 5-7

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Credit, 4 months sight ... 5-7

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On Paris ... 1400

On demand ... 95

On New York ... 97

On Bombay ... 206

On Calcutta ... 205

On demand ... 240

On Manila ... 191 1/2

On Shanghai ... 184

On demand ... 107 1/2

Gold Loan, 100 fine (per ton) ... \$3.50

Sovereigns (Bank's buying rate) ... \$3.50

Silver (per oz.) ... 83

## SUBSIDIARY COINS.

Hongkong 50 cents sub. ... 8 1/2 pm.

10 ... 10 1/2 pm.

Chinese coins ... 27 1/2 pm.

Bar Silver in Hongkong ... 52 pm.

Chinese Copper Coins ... 7 1/2 p.

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Chinese Sub. Coin ... 1 1/2 pm.

Hongkong Sub. Coin ... 1 1/2 pm.

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Loans granted on approved securities.

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